



## **DISASTER**

In the event of a disaster (Code Yellow Incident)\* causing significant alteration to the functioning of one or more Nationwide Children's Hospital (NCH) sponsored postgraduate medical, dental, and/or other education programs under the administrative authority of the NCH Designated Institutional Official (DIO), the NCH and its GMEC are committed to reestablishing the residents'/fellows' (trainees) educational experiences as quickly as possible.

If the disaster prevents a NCH educational program from fulfilling the educational program requirements for each of its trainees, the Program Director (PD)GMEC, and the DIO will work together to:

- a) arrange temporary transfers to other programs/institutions until such time as the program can provide adequate educational experience for each of its trainees, or
- b) assist the trainees in permanent transfers to other programs/institutions, i.e. enrolling in other programs in which they can continue their education

The PD will endeavor to make the decision of temporary vs. permanent transfer of a trainee expeditiously so as to maximize the likelihood that each trainee will complete the academic year in a timely fashion. The preferences of the individual trainee will be considered and discussed prior to the final determination..

Trainees in the same program may choose different options if approved by the PD and DIO. The DIO must approve the final course of action. The terms and conditions of the temporary or permanent transfer will be provided to the trainee in writing.

ACGME has established policies and procedures for accredited programs impaired by a disaster. In the event that ACGME makes a declaration of a disaster, the DIO or assigned designee and PD will follow the process and timelines defined by ACGME.

\*Nationwide Children's Hospital maintains standards in accordance with the Ohio Hospital Association and defines disaster (Code Yellow Incident) as a major or minor incident enacted when events exceed resources, or normal operations are interrupted. The event could require mobilization of all or selected hospital resources. See Children's Emergency Preparedness Manual.

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