TITLE: Duty Hours Exception

Policy: Some ACGME Specialty/Subspecialty Review Committees may grant exceptions for up to 10% or a maximum of 88 hours to individual program based on a sound educational rationale.

PROCEDURE: The UVM Medical Center Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC) must approve any duty hours exception requests prior to submission to the ACGME Specialty/Subspecialty Review Committee.

- The program director must submit the request for the 80 hour exception to the GMEC in the letter format that will be sent to the ACGME Specialty/Subspecialty Review Committee for approval.
- Approval for duty hours exception by the GMEC must be based on a sound educational justification. All hours in the extended work week must contribute to the resident education.
- Upon GMEC approval, the GME Designated Institutional Official signs the request letter.
- The program director is responsible for submitting the request letter to the Specialty/Subspecialty Review Committee.
- The exception is only valid per the Specialty/Subspecialty Review Committee decision.

DEFINITIONS: None

REFERENCES: Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, Institutional Requirements

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