



OPERATING POLICY

CATEGORY: GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

CODE: GMEC-25

**SUBJECT: LIVING IN PROXIMITY TO CONSORTIUM
AFFILIATE INSTITUTIONS**

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This policy applies to all residents [physicians and dentists appointed to and functioning in Graduate Medical Education (GME) programs accredited by the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)] and clinical fellows [physicians and dentists appointed to and functioning in GME programs not accredited by the ACGME] in programs sponsored by Loma Linda University Health Education Consortium (Consortium) and to other residents and clinical fellows under the supervision of the Consortium's Graduate Medical Education Committee).

1. All Residents are expected to live within a driving distance from affiliate institutions as specified by their programs.
2. The benefits of residents living in proximity to affiliate institutions include:
 - a. Increased resident safety with driving shorter distances, especially after overnight duty.
 - b. Availability for home call
 - c. Availability in the event of disasters
3. Residents who take call from home must be available at the hospital within 20 minutes of being called.
4. Residents who are required to be on duty overnight must reside within 30 miles driving distance of affiliate institutions.
 - a. Any exceptions must be made in consultation with the program director.
 - b. As part of demonstrating professionalism, residents who live further than 30 miles away must provide a plan for mitigating any concerns such as those mentioned in #2.
5. Residents who feel it unwise for them to drive home following duty should take public transportation home.
 - a. The Consortium will reimburse round-trip fare to and from home via public transportation (public buses, taxi cab, Uber, Lyft, or similar services) if presented with a receipt within one week.
 - b. Fare reimbursement is limited to addresses within 30 miles driving distance of affiliate institutions

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