

Mission:

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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Vision: To be the **Healthiest State** in the Nation

July 15, 2020

RE: Attestation of Trauma-Related Graduate Medical Education

Dear CEO:

The Department of Health is statutorily required to prepare an analysis of the Florida Trauma System by August 31, 2020, and every three years thereafter. As part of the analysis, the Department must determine the number of “accredited critical care and trauma surgical subspecialty medical resident or fellows” at each hospital that is designated by the Department as a trauma center. (see section 395.4025 (2)(a), Florida Statutes).

Following the recommendations of the Florida Trauma System Advisory Council, the Department defines “accredited critical care and trauma surgical subspecialty medical resident or fellow” as:

- A chief resident, or a fourth-year postgraduate resident (PGY-4) or a fifth-year postgraduate resident (PGY-5), whichever is the highest level offered by the trauma center, who is primarily assigned to an Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) General Surgery residency program at the hospital.
- A chief resident or a PGY-4 or a PGY-5, whichever is the highest level offered by the trauma center affiliated with the educational institution, in the Department of Defense (DoD) medical training program who is temporarily assigned to an Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) General Surgery residency program at the hospital for the purposes of fulfilling the training requirements of the DoD training program.
- An Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), Surgical Critical Care Fellow who is assigned to a fellowship position sponsored by the hospital.
- An American College of Surgeons (ACS) and American Association for the Surgery of Trauma (AAST) Acute Care Surgery Fellow who is assigned to a fellowship position sponsored by the hospital.

Note: Except for DoD trainees, trauma centers are prohibited from declaring a person as a qualifying resident or fellow if he or she takes rotations, provides clinical services or is otherwise employed by the hospital but is assigned to a qualifying ACGME or AAST program at another hospital.

The Chief Executive Officer or the equivalent responsible party identified by name in the trauma center application of record should reproduce the below Attestation of Trauma-Related Graduate Medical Education on hospital or health care system letterhead, complete and sign the Attestation, and send a copy by email to: DEPCS.TraumaNCompl@flhealth.gov and send the original to:

Florida Department of Health, DEPCS
ATTN: Kate Kocevar,
4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin A-22,
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1722.

Please complete and return as early as possible and but no later than August 15, 2020.

Thank you for your continued support of the Florida Trauma System and commitment to providing optimal care for severely injured persons. Should you have questions, please contact Kate Kocevar, Trauma Section Administrator at (850) 245-4054 or email: kate.kocevar@flhealth.gov.

Sincerely,

Kate Kocevar

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Trauma Section Administrator

Enclosure: Attestation of Trauma-Related Graduate Medical Education

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To be completed by ALL Florida Trauma Centers

As of _____(Date), I _____(Name and Title) certify the following to be true for _____(Trauma Center Name) based on the hospital's last complete fiscal year:

1. Does your hospital have an ACGME General Surgery residency program? Yes No

If YES:

- a. Does your hospital have chief resident positions for General Surgery (to include DoD trainees)? Yes No

- i. How many General Surgery chief resident positions (1.0 FTE equivalent) did your hospital have in the last fiscal year? _____

If yes to question 1.a. go to question 2.

If your hospital does not have General Surgery chief residents:

- b. Does your hospital's General Surgery residency program include PGY-4 or PGY-5 trainees (to include DoD trainees)? Yes No

IF YES:

- i. What is the most senior level General Surgery residency training offered by your hospital? _____ (must enter PGY-4 or PGY-5)
- ii. How many of PGY-4 ACGME General Surgery residency positions (1.0 FTE equivalent) did your hospital have in the last fiscal year? _____
- iii. How many of PGY-5 ACGME General Surgery residency positions (1.0 FTE equivalent) did your hospital have in the last fiscal year? _____

2. Does your hospital have an ACGME Surgical Critical Care Fellowship program? Yes No

IF YES:

- a. How many ACGME Surgical Critical Care Fellow positions (1.0 FTE equivalent) did your hospital have in the last fiscal year? _____

3. Does your hospital have an accredited ACS AAST Acute Care Surgery Fellowship program?

Yes No

IF YES:

- a. How many ACGME Surgical Critical Care Fellow positions (1.0 FTE equivalent) did your hospital have in the last fiscal year? _____

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing attestation and that the facts stated in it are true.

Signature

Date