

# Graduate Medical Education Mission Statement

The Virginia Commonwealth University Health System (VCUHS) is committed to exemplary graduate medical education (GME). The Mission Statement of the Health System includes the following:

VCUHS is committed to improving the quality of and access to patient care in Central Virginia and throughout the Commonwealth by:

- Educating the health-care professionals of tomorrow, health-care providers of today and the community at large.

GME programs sponsored by VCUHS are designed to produce skillful physicians and dentists with ingrained habits of life-long learning and well-formed ethical and professional modes of practice. The Schools of Medicine and Dentistry and the Health System have a robust process of oversight through its Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC) to assure that the necessary educational, financial, and human resources to support GME are provided.

This commitment to GME is supported by the Vice President for Health Sciences and CEO of the Health System, Deans, Hospital Administration, Department Chairs, Medical Directors of the participating institutions and the teaching staffs. The GMEC submits recommendations to the Executive Committee of the Faculty and the Medical Executive Committee regarding all matters pertaining to the oversight of GME within VCUHS. The Vice President for Health Sciences is directly responsible for decisions pertaining to GME and is in turn accountable to the VCUHS Board of Directors and the President of Virginia Commonwealth University.

The overall responsibility for GME is delegated to the Director of Graduate Medical Education/Designated Institutional Official, who works in concert with the Deans, the Chief Medical Officer, GME Administration, Department Chairs, Program Directors, the GMEC and the Housestaff Council. These individuals and groups collaborate to assure compliance with GME accrediting organizations and to promote exemplary GME programs producing exemplary graduates.

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