

**CAROLINAS HEALTHCARE SYSTEM NORTHEAST
GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION**

POLICY FOR DISASTER RESPONSE

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1. If a disaster seriously degrades the ability of Carolinas HealthCare System NorthEast or the offices of Cabarrus Family Medicine to carry out its mission, the resident physicians and faculty will perform all duties as outlined in the comprehensive Carolinas HealthCare System NorthEast disaster plan until the acute phase of the disaster is over.
2. As soon as possible a determination will be made by leadership as to whether the individual residency and fellowship programs will be able to provide a sound training environment that will assure that residents can complete their program requirements within the standard time required for certifications.
3. Once the DIO and GMEC determine that the sponsoring institution can no longer provide an adequate educational experience for its residents, the sponsoring institution will, to the best of its ability, arrange for the temporary transfer of the residents to programs at other sponsoring institutions until such time as Carolinas HealthCare System NorthEast is able to resume providing the experience. Residents who transfer to other programs as a result of a disaster will be provided by their Program Director with an estimated time that relocation to another program will be necessary. Should that initial time estimate need to be extended, the resident will be notified by their Program Director using written or electronic means identifying the estimated time of the extension. Expenses directly related to resident transfers to a new sponsoring institution will be covered by Carolinas HealthCare System NorthEast and Cabarrus Family Medicine Residency.
4. If the disaster prevents the sponsoring institution from re-establishing an adequate educational experience within a reasonable amount of time following the disaster, then permanent transfers will be arranged.
5. If a disaster affects another graduate medical education program Carolinas HealthCare System NorthEast will do all it can to accept residents from the program and provide a sound training environment.
6. Each program will be responsible for establishing procedures to protect the academic and personnel files of all residents from loss or destruction by disaster. All electronic files will have off site backup.



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