

Statement of Institutional Commitment to Graduate Medical Education

The University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine (UT GSM) in Knoxville, Tennessee, as an ACGME accredited Sponsoring Institution, is committed to exemplary graduate medical education that facilitates the professional, ethical and personal development of our residents and fellows in a safe and supportive clinical learning environment. As a sponsoring institution, the UT GSM is committed to and assures that the educational, financial, administrative and clinical resources support graduate medical and dental education.

The Dean of the Graduate School of Medicine (GSM) has delegated authority and responsibility to the Designated Institutional Official (DIO) and the Graduate Medical and Dental Education Committee for oversight and administration of the GME programs. The GSM under the Dean's leadership ensure that:

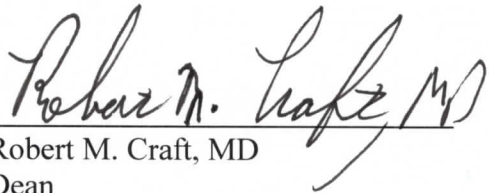
- The DIO has sufficient financial support and protected time to effectively carry out the educational and administrative responsibilities and engages in professional development applicable to the responsibilities of an educational leader.
- The GME office has sufficient salary support and resources to allow for effective administration of the graduate medical and dental education programs.
- All the program directors and the program coordinators have sufficient financial support and protected time to effectively conduct their educational, administrative and leadership responsibilities to their respective programs.
- All programs receive adequate support for core faculty members to ensure both effective supervision and quality resident/fellow education.
- All program directors and core faculty members engage in professional development applicable to their responsibilities as educational leaders.
- All program coordinators have sufficient support and time to effectively carry out their responsibilities; and,
- Sufficient resources, including space, technology, and supplies, are available to provide effective support for each of its ACGME accredited programs.

The GSM mission is in concert with the goals and initiatives of our clinical partner, University Health System, Incorporated (UHS). We work with their administration and staff to fulfill all the regulatory requirements of the ACGME, ACCME, JCAHO, SACS, the State of Tennessee and other appropriate accrediting bodies. Together, the UT Graduate School of Medicine and University Health System, Inc. form the University of Tennessee Medical Center (UTMC) in Knoxville.

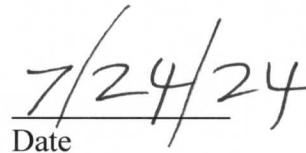
The UTMC Governing Body for GME (GME Executive Leadership Board) is responsible for the ultimate oversight and institutional support of the GSM graduate medical and dental education programs.

The GME Executive Leadership Board consists of the CEO, Senior Vice Presidents of UHS, the Dean and Chief Academic Officer of UTMC, the DIO and the assistant deans of the GSM. The DIO regularly reports to the GME executive leadership board on the institutional oversight and the status of these programs. The DIO presents a written executive summary of the Annual Institutional Review (AIR) to the GME Executive Leadership Board, the Performance Improvement Committee of the UTMC Board of Directors, and the UTMC Medical Executive Committee, which presents the organized medical staff.

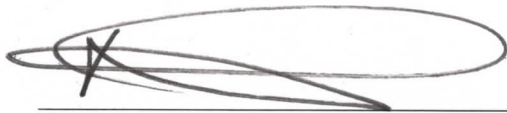
The UT Graduate School of Medicine, as a part of the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, strives to meet the needs of our community, our region, and our state through healing education and discovery.



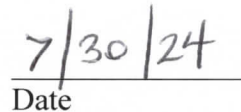
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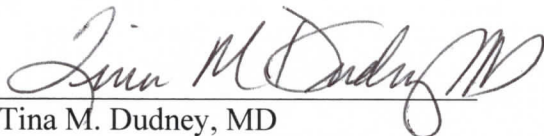
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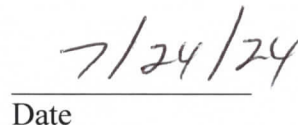
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