MEDICAL & DENTAL EDUCATION

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AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

- Policy development & oversight for VHA
- Evaluation of programs
- Affiliation & medical/dental trainee issues
- Allocation of trainee positions for physician and dentist residents
- Liaison with appropriate organizations
- Initiatives in medical, dental, and inter-professional education
# Medical & Dental Policies

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- Trainee appointment & screening
- Input on other policies as appropriate
ALLOCATION OF TRAINEE POSITIONS

- Positions not People
- Oversight of the regular, annual allocation process for over 11,000 physician & dental resident positions
- Tracking accreditation status and issues
- Assist with the GME Expansion
EVALUATION OF PROGRAMS

• Annual Report on Resident Training Programs (ARRTP)
• Reconciliation of accreditation discrepancies
• Collaborate with the Trainee Satisfaction Survey (LPS)
• Ad Hoc Reviews & Reports
AFFILIATION & TRAINEE ISSUES

- Site Visits
- Congressional responses
- OIG/GAO inquiries, responses & status updates
- Field support – advice, policy interpretation, assistance
- Informal/formal professional development & support to facility DEOs, NAAOs & VACO staff
- Liaison with Medical Sharing Office, including on Educational Cost Contracting with affiliates
SCOPE OF GME TRAINING

• Approximately 40,000 medical residents train in VA annually
  • 30% US total medical residents
• Over 11,000 physician resident positions AY2017-18
• >2,500 ACGME accredited programs
  • 100+ medical specialties & subspecialties; 7 combined programs
GME TRAINING

- For most part we pay through disbursement agreements not sponsor programs at the VA for residencies
  - NO new VA sponsored physician GME
- Residents rotation through FTE. We do not often have one person do their entire training at the VA
- Does not include podiatry or chiropractic training
CHIEF RESIDENTS IN QUALITY & PATIENT SAFETY

- GME enhancement educational innovations
  - Began 2008 – Indianapolis with one Chief Resident
- Current 96 CRQS positions at 57 VA Medical Centers
- Focus is on Quality and Patient Safety (Teaching & Learning)
- National Curriculum
  - NCPS & OAA program
  - Intensive Boot Camp
  - Culture Change!
GME EXPANSION (VACAA)

- PL 113-146: Enacted by Congress & signed by the President in 2014
  - Provision to expand VA GME by “up to 1,500 positions” over ten years
  - Funding priorities defined
  - Stringent annual reporting requirements regarding the VACAA positions filled and their locations
FUNDING PRIORITIES FOR GME EXPANSION (VACAA)

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<td>• Primary Care</td>
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<td>• Rural locations</td>
<td>• Mental Health</td>
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<td>• Areas with “high concentration” of Veterans</td>
<td>• New Affiliations</td>
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<td>• Health Professional Shortage Areas (HRSA defined)</td>
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CRITICAL NEEDS REQUESTS

• Other specialties “the Secretary deems appropriate”
  • Required demonstration of need to improve access by provision of local facility data showing:
    • Access issues
    • Long waiting times
    • High use of fee basis care
    • Shortage of physicians in the area or reliance on contracted or locums staff
    • Director’s certification of need
    • High VISN & facility priority
BASE ALLOCATION REQUEST

• Base Report = Foundation Numbers
• Due in the Fall
• Cannot exceed your BASE cap
• You can ask for temporary additional positions
• Temporary vs. Permanent
• Only avenue to add permanent positions is to reallocate or to be awarded through an initiative.
ALLOCATION VALIDATION REPORT (MATCH)

- 0145 or Match or Allocation Validation Report
- Due in the Spring
- Realign your positions with what you know the affiliate is sending
- Opportunity to request temporary one year positions
- NO permanent changes are permitted
"Nurse, get on the internet, go to SURGERY.COM, scroll down and click on the 'Are you totally lost?' icon."
HELP!!!!!!!!!

- GME Help Desk Email:  [gmehelp@va.gov](mailto:gmehelp@va.gov)

Email or Call Us Anytime!
Make sure your DEO knows or is cc’d