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| SUBJECT Resident Chain of Command | POLICY NUMBER 300.007 | PAGE 1 of 1 |
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I. POLICY:

It is the policy of SJHMC Academic Affairs that each resident training program establishes formal policies governing a chain-of-command for residents for the purpose of optimal patient care.

II. PURPOSE:

To outline supervisory lines of responsibility for the care of patients in order to assure a prompt and reliable system for communication and interaction between supervising physicians and residents.

III. PROCEDURE/RESPONSIBILITY:

A. Resident shall:

1. Utilize the chain-of-command guidelines whenever questions of patient care, administrative protocol, general hospital policies, or other questions affecting quality of care, patient communication, or delivery of care arise.

B. Program Director shall:

1. Develop a program-specific chain-of-command policy to meet the above purpose or adopt this departmental policy for its program.
2. Annually review the chain-of-command policy and in-service the residents on its effective use.
3. Post a flow-chart in the residents' common area which demonstrates the pragmatic implementation of the chain-of-command policy.

C. Director of Academic Affairs shall:

1. Review the chain-of-command policy at least every two years for effectiveness and to determine if it is current with statutory and accreditation requirements.
2. Review training program's specific chain-of-command policy at least annually and report the findings to the Graduate Medical Education Committee.



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