

GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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INTRODUCTION:

Members of the residency and subspecialty fellowship programs are considered to be trainees, and as such should not evaluate or treat conditions or illnesses in themselves or other house staff at Bridgeport Hospital or elsewhere, except where the staff presents as a hospital patient.

POLICY:

House staff and other legally authorized prescribers shall not prescribe any medication (including controlled and/or non-controlled substances, pharmaceutical, medical device or equipment) for:

- Themselves, their spouse, significant other, relatives or other family members;
- Other house staff or their families;
- Other hospital staff, including nursing and attending staff, and their family members.

PROCEDURE:

To be legally authorized to treat or prescribe:

- A physician/patient relationship must exist;
- A record of the history, physical, treatment and/or drug prescribed must exist and be maintained as a medical record;

Failure to comply with this policy may result in discipline up to and including termination from the residency program.