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COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT  
BY AND BETWEEN  
THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON  
AND THE  
RESIDENT AND FELLOW PHYSICIAN UNION - NORTHWEST  
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**Article 1: Definitions**

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3 **Accredited:** Officially recognized and authorized by the ACGME (Accreditation Council  
4 for Graduate Medical Education) or the Committee on Dental Accreditation (CODA).

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6 **Chief Resident:** Typically, a position in the final year of the residency (e.g., surgery) or  
7 in the year after the residency is completed (e.g., internal medicine and pediatrics).

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9 **Educational/Training Programs:** Curriculum, including didactic and clinical  
10 components, defined by and arranged within a department, sometimes in partnership with  
11 multiple departments, of the University in which Residents participate to further their  
12 Graduate Medical Education.

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14 **Fellow:** Generally, a physician in a program of graduate medical education accredited by  
15 the ACGME who has completed the requirements for eligibility for first board certification  
16 in the specialty. The term "subspecialty Residents" is also applied to such physicians.  
17 Other uses of the term "Fellow" require modifiers for precision and clarity, e.g., research  
18 Fellow.

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20 **Fellowship:** see "subspecialty program."

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22 **Graduate Medical Education:** The period of didactic and clinical education in a medical  
23 specialty which follows the completion of a recognized undergraduate medical education  
24 and which prepares physicians for the independent practice of medicine in that specialty,  
25 also referred to as residency education. The term "graduate medical education" also  
26 applies to the period of didactic and clinical education in a medical subspecialty which  
27 follows the completion of education in a recognized medical specialty and which prepares  
28 physicians for the independent practice of medicine in that subspecialty.

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30 **Graduate-Year Level:** Refers to a Resident's current year of accredited (or non-  
31 accredited) GME training. This designation may or may not correspond to the Resident's  
32 particular year in a program. For example, a Resident in pediatric cardiology could be in  
33 the first program year of the pediatric cardiology program but in their fourth graduate year  
34 of GME (including the 3 prior years of pediatrics.) Also referred to as "post graduate year"  
35 or "PGY." Graduate-Year Level or PGY may vary from Appointment Level (for the purpose  
36 of this contract, appointment level is defined as the level at which a Resident is paid for a  
37 specific period of time).

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39 **On-Call:** A period of time, typically outside the formal business hours of the institution,  
40 during which a Resident is available to perform patient visits, respond to patient-care  
41 related matters, or evaluate a change in a patient's clinical situation. This responsibility  
42 may be fulfilled by the Resident while they are primarily at home, also known as "home  
43 call," or fulfilled by the Resident while they are present in the institution, also known as  
44 "in-house call."  
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1 **Program:** A structured educational experience in graduate medical education designed  
2 to conform to the Program Requirements of a particular specialty/subspecialty, the  
3 satisfactory completion of which may result in eligibility for board certification.  
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5 **Program Director:** The one (1) physician designated with authority and accountability  
6 for the operation of the residency/fellowship program.  
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8 **Program Year:** Refers to the current year of education within a specific program; this  
9 designation may or may not correspond to the Resident's graduate year level. See  
10 *Graduate-Year Level*.  
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12 **Residency:** A program accredited to provide a structured educational experience  
13 designed to conform to the Program Requirements of a particular specialty.  
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15 **Resident:** Any physician or dentist in an accredited graduate medical education program,  
16 including Interns, Residents, and Fellows.  
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18 **Rotation:** An educational experience of planned activities in selected settings, over a  
19 specific time period, developed to meet goals and objectives of the program.  
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21 **Specialty Program:** A structured educational experience in a field of medical practice  
22 following completion of medical school and, in some cases, prerequisite basic clinical  
23 education designed to conform to the Program Requirements of a particular specialty;  
24 also known as "core" programs.  
25

26 **Sponsoring Institution:** The organization (or entity) that assumes the ultimate financial  
27 and academic responsibility for a program of GME. The sponsoring institution has the  
28 primary purpose of providing educational programs and/or health care services (e.g., a  
29 university, a medical school, a hospital, a school of public health, a health department, a  
30 public health agency, an organized health care delivery system, a medical examiner's  
31 office, a consortium, an educational foundation).  
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33 **Subspecialty Program:** A structured educational experience following completion of a  
34 prerequisite specialty program in GME designed to conform to the Program Requirements  
35 of a particular subspecialty.  
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**Article 2: Committee Memberships and Hospital Committee**

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3 **1.** The following committees, or their respective substitutes, as long as such committees  
4 exist, shall include at least one (1) Resident designated by the RFPU:  
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6 **UWMC**

- 7 1. Medical Services Administrative Committee (MSAC)  
8 2. Patient Safety Committee  
9 3. Quality Oversight Committee  
10 4. Quality Metrics and Performance (QMAP)  
11 5. Physician Engagement Team (UW Medicine)  
12 6. UWMC Board Facilities, Finance and Joint Conference Committee  
13 7. Inpatient Clinical Performance Council ICPC  
14 8. Medical Quality Improvement Committee (MQIC)  
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16 **HMC**

- 17 1. Medical Quality Improvement Committee (MQIC)  
18 2. Critical Care Council  
19 3. Trauma Council  
20 4. Surgical Council  
21 5. HMC Patient Safety Committee  
22 6. HMC Quality Improvement Committee  
23 7. HMC OI Metrics Meeting  
24 8. Acute Care Council  
25 9. Infection Prevention and Control Committee  
26

27 **2. GMEC and GMEC Policy Subcommittee.** The GME Committee (GMEC) and the  
28 GMEC Policy Subcommittee shall each include the RFPU president (or designee) and  
29 have a minimum of three (3) peer-selected Residents/Fellows. Resident members of the  
30 Policy Subcommittee do not have to be members of the GMEC.  
31

32 **3. All Other Committees.** The RFPU reserves the right for final selection and/or approval  
33 for each Resident committee member when said Resident committee member will, in  
34 general, serve as a RFPU representative. At least one (1) RFPU appointed representative  
35 shall be designated to each other committee listed above.  
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37 **4. Substitutions.** For all other committees except GMEC, in the event that the RFPU-  
38 appointed representative cannot make a committee meeting, a substitute from the RFPU  
39 Board may be designated by RFPU, provided 24 hours notice is given to the committee  
40 chairperson. Specifically regarding GMEC, the RFPU may appoint one (1) substitute  
41 designee each academic year in order to facilitate RFPU board member attendance when  
42 the RFPU-appointed representative cannot be there. Additionally, if both the RFPU  
43 representative and the substitute cannot attend, another RFPU Board Member may be  
44 allowed to attend if mutually agreed upon with the GMEC Chair and greater than 24 hours  
45 notice is given.  
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1 **5. Voting Rights.** It is understood that the voting rights of the Resident committee  
2 members may vary if mutually agreed upon by both the Resident member(s) and the  
3 respective Committee Chair. Resident members appointed to the GME Committee will  
4 each have their own vote.

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6 **6.** The RFPU shall furnish the University with the names of the RFPU appointed Resident  
7 member(s) of each of the listed committees at least annually, and shall promptly notify  
8 the respective Committee Chair of any changes. At least annually, the University shall  
9 provide an updated list of committees including newly formed committees and committee  
10 substitutes, name changes, or changes in the Committee Chairs.

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12 **7.** In the event that a new committee pertinent to the learning and working environment  
13 for Residents is established, the University and the RFPU, by mutual agreement, may  
14 include an RFPU-endorsed Resident committee member on the new committee.

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16 It is understood that when a committee agenda includes a subject concerning the  
17 University's relationship (existing or potential) with any union, or involves the  
18 administration of any collective bargaining agreement or wages or benefits for any  
19 employee, whether or not members of this bargaining unit, Residents in attendance may  
20 be excused from that portion of the committee meeting by the Chair of the Committee.

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22 The Employer reserves the right to modify, eliminate, or consolidate any of the above  
23 Employer established committees.

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25 **8.** RFPU and the University agree that Resident representation on University committees  
26 is beneficial to all parties. As such, when in compliance with a program's leave policy, all  
27 RFPU and peer-appointed Resident/Fellow committee members shall be granted an  
28 excused absence(s) from regular clinical or scholarly duties to attend their respective  
29 committee meeting.

**Article 3: Childcare**

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3 **1. Purpose.** The University and the Residents are committed to working together to  
4 address the challenges of obtaining affordable, flexible, and reliable childcare for  
5 Residents with children given the high cost of quality childcare and the demanding, and  
6 often unpredictable, nature of residency work hours.

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8 **2. UW Children’s Centers.** University of Washington Childcare Centers (UWCC) serve  
9 faculty, staff, and students by providing year-round, on-site, infant, toddler, and preschool  
10 childcare. Childcare center enrollment eligibility and priority is outlined in Administrative  
11 Policy Statement 51.1. Residents can download the wait pool application to add their  
12 names to the UWCC wait pool, which covers all four Seattle campus centers, at  
13 [hr.uw.edu/child-care/uwcc](https://hr.uw.edu/child-care/uwcc) and/or download the wait pool application for the UW  
14 Children’s Center at Harborview. <https://hr.uw.edu/child-care/child-care-at-harborview/>  
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16 **3. Childcare Fund.** Access to the highly desirable, affordable UW Children’s Centers is  
17 limited. To reduce the higher financial burden of seeking childcare outside of the  
18 University Centers, UW will create a fund to assist in childcare expenses, making  
19 available \$50,000 per year to a Resident Childcare Fund, hereafter referred to as the  
20 RCF. The RFPU will be responsible for determining eligibility criteria for appropriate  
21 distribution based on Resident need. The University will be responsible for distributing  
22 these funds no more than twice annually. The eligibility criteria to be utilized by the RFPU  
23 will be provided to the University at the beginning of each year.

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25 **4. Offsite Childcare.** Residents will receive priority access to Bright Horizon and  
26 KinderCare childcare centers as detailed at [https://hr.uw.edu/child-care/off-site-child-](https://hr.uw.edu/child-care/off-site-child-care/)  
27 [care/](https://hr.uw.edu/child-care/off-site-child-care/), and the enrollment fee will be partially waived.

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29 **5. Back-up and Sick Child Care.** If the University of Washington has an active contract  
30 for Back-up/Sick Child Care Services, Residents shall be able to fully participate. The  
31 University shall underwrite the entire daily fee. Residents shall pay the current vendor  
32 registration fee.

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34 **6. Other Childcare.** Residents with dependents are eligible to participate in the  
35 University’s sick and back-up child care programs as detailed at [https://hr.uw.edu/child-](https://hr.uw.edu/child-care/backup-and-sick-child-care/)  
36 [care/backup-and-sick-child-care/](https://hr.uw.edu/child-care/backup-and-sick-child-care/), as well as other programs detailed at  
37 <https://hr.uw.edu/child-care/nannies-assistance-programs/> and childcare discounts  
38 advertised through The Whole U program.

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40 **7.** At the request of either party, the RFPU and the University will continue to meet and  
41 discuss childcare-related improvements for Residents with children or those who plan to  
42 have children.



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**Article 4: Disciplinary Action and Just Cause**

Residents may only be subject to discipline for just cause. A focus of concern is not considered a disciplinary action, and is therefore not grievable.

**Article 5: Dues Deduction and RFPU Membership**

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3 **1. Notification.** The Employer shall notify employees interviewing for or hired into a  
4 bargaining unit position of the RFPU's status as their exclusive bargaining representative,  
5 both when they interview for a position at UW and within thirty (30) days of beginning the  
6 Residency program. Introductory documents crafted by the employer regarding the  
7 RFPU's existence will be sent to RFPU annually for comment.  
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9 In addition, the RFPU may write an introductory document to be available to candidates  
10 on the GME website. This document shall be subject to approval by the Employer. The  
11 Employer will also provide a copy of the aforementioned document to programs which  
12 may include it in initial interview packets.  
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14 **2. Listing of Residents.** The University shall provide the RFPU with a monthly listing of  
15 all Residents with union dues deductions, and a monthly listing of all Residents who  
16 terminated their Residency. The University shall provide this information electronically  
17 along with their name, PGY, department and start date.  
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19 **3. Determination of Membership Dues.** It shall be the sole responsibility of the RFPU  
20 to determine the amount of dues necessary for membership in the RFPU for each  
21 academic year and in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation of the RFPU. The  
22 amount of the dues shall be provided by the Union in writing each year to the University.  
23

24 **4. Dues Deduction.** Upon written authorization to the Union by an individual Resident to  
25 become a member of the Union and pay membership dues, the University shall provide  
26 for payroll deductions of RFPU dues which are uniformly applied to all RFPU members.  
27 The Employer will honor the terms and conditions of each employee's signed membership  
28 card upon authorization by the Union.  
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- 30 a. RFPU shall be the keeper of records regarding each employee's payroll deduction  
31 status.  
32 b. The Union shall transmit to the Employer by the cut-off date for each payroll period,  
33 the name and Employee ID number of employees who have, since the previous  
34 payroll cut-off date, provided authorization for deduction of dues or have changed  
35 their authorization for deduction.  
36 c. In order to prevent dues from being erroneously deducted from nonmembers, the  
37 Employer and RFPU will together do a detailed audit in July of 2020 to ensure that  
38 all former members are removed from dues deduction.  
39 d. In the event that the Employer erroneously deducts dues from the paycheck of a  
40 nonmember, the employer shall remove nonmembers from dues deduction  
41 immediately upon notification from the RFPU.  
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43 **5. Remittance of Dues.** The University shall electronically transmit to the RFPU within  
44 five (5) work days after each payday all dues deducted for that pay period in those  
45 bargaining units for which the RFPU is the exclusive bargaining representative.  
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1 **6. Revocation.** An employee may revoke their authorization for payroll deduction of  
2 Union dues by written notice to the Employer and the Union in accordance with the terms  
3 and conditions of their signed membership card. If an employee contacts the Employer  
4 to revoke their authorization for payroll deduction without contacting the RFPU, the  
5 Employer will direct the employee to contact the RFPU and will also independently notify  
6 the RFPU immediately of the employee's intentions. Every effort will be made to end the  
7 deduction effective on the first payroll, and not later than the second payroll. This will  
8 occur after the Employer receives confirmation from the Union that the dues revocation  
9 terms of the employee's signed membership card have been met.

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11 **7. Indemnification.** If the University is found to be at fault in legal proceedings, the RFPU  
12 shall indemnify and hold the University harmless against any claims, demands, suits, or  
13 any other form of liability that shall arise out of or by reason of action taken or not taken  
14 by the University under this Article. In the event that litigation that arises out of this article  
15 could reasonably render the RFPU financial insolvent, the RFPU will adhere to the  
16 following process: the RFPU will immediately post a bond or provide some other form of  
17 security in order to ensure sufficient resources to cover the indemnification for a legal  
18 action by a Resident challenging their termination for failure to comply with this Article.

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20 **8. Public Records Requests and Privacy.** Labor Relations will notify the Union of  
21 public records requests for information received by the UW Office of Public Records that  
22 directly concern and encompass all RFPU's members. Notification will be provided in  
23 order to allow for a ten (10) day protest period.

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25 **9. New Employee Contact Information.** The employer will provide the union with a list  
26 of all known non-state operated emails and phone numbers for all incoming bargaining  
27 unit members by May of each year, before they start employment.  
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**Article 6: Fringe Benefits**

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3 **1. Resident Orientation.** Residents attending mandatory orientation activities prior to the  
4 start of their appointment will be paid according to their appointment level. The following  
5 activities are paid: GME Orientation, program orientation, EHR training and LMS  
6 modules.

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8 **2. Professional Liability Coverage.** In accordance with the University policy (Board of  
9 Regents Governance Standing Orders Chapter 5: Indemnification of University  
10 Personnel: <https://www.washington.edu/admin/rules/policies/BRG/SOCh5.html>), and in  
11 compliance with ACGME institutional requirements. Professional liability coverage will be  
12 provided by the University of Washington at no cost to the Resident. This insurance will  
13 cover the Resident's good faith performance of their assigned duties in the training  
14 program, which may also include program-approved volunteer activities and off-  
15 site/overseas and global health rotations. The professional liability coverage will not apply  
16 to actions, claims or proceedings arising out of acts taken in bad faith.

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18 **3. Wellness and Counseling Services.** Counseling, therapy and referral services for  
19 Residents and Fellows dealing with specific concerns such as stress, anxiety, depression,  
20 burnout, relationship issues, grief/loss, and interpersonal conflicts are available for free,  
21 and are kept confidential. Referrals to behavioral health services when necessary are  
22 also provided. Residents will make every effort to schedule these sessions at times when  
23 their absence will not impact patient care. In accordance with ACGME common program  
24 requirements, Residents must be given the opportunity to attend medical, mental health,  
25 and dental care appointments, including those scheduled during their working hours.

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27 **4. Meals.** Residents on certain shifts or call will receive meals reimbursements as  
28 described in the meals policy and RFPA. At the VA, food will be provided in accordance  
29 with the meals policy and RFPA. At SCH, meals reimbursements will be provided  
30 according to their meals policy. At UWMC-Montlake, UWMC-Northwest, and HMC  
31 through June 30, 2020 meals will be reimbursed at seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50)  
32 per meal; beginning July 1, 2020, the Employer will increase meal reimbursement to ten  
33 dollars (\$10.00) per meal.

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35 **5. Pagers and Cell Phones.** Residents who are required to have a pager will be provided  
36 with one (1) pager by their training program, which must be returned to the program at  
37 the completion of training. Replacement costs due to loss are responsibility of the  
38 Resident. If the Employer expands the application of the current policy or changes the  
39 UW Medicine Mobile Device Use and Allowance Policy to expand eligibility, the RFPU  
40 will have the opportunity to bargain.

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42 **6. Uniforms and Laundry.** Programs that require their Residents wear a physician lab  
43 coat will provide these at the beginning of residency and provide access to UW Medicine  
44 cleaning services at no cost to the resident. Replacement of coats may be the  
45 responsibility of the Resident. Availability of scrubs and laundry services for uniforms will

1 be provided in accordance with the policies and practices of the Resident's program and  
2 existing hospital assignment.

3 **7. Relocation.** Programs may approve relocation expense reimbursement consistent  
4 with Administrative Policy Statement 34.2.

5 **8. Fitness.** Residents will have the same access to exercise equipment as other  
6 employees at training sites operated by the Employer. Additionally, Residents will have  
7 access to exercise equipment at training sites not operated by the Employer in  
8 accordance with the policies at those training sites.

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**Article 7: Grievance Procedure**

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3 **1. Purpose.** The parties recognize that disputes may occasionally arise concerning the  
4 terms and conditions of this Agreement and such disputes shall be resolved through this  
5 grievance procedure.  
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7 **2. Definition.** A grievance is a claim by an employee or group of employees covered by  
8 this Agreement or by the RFPU that the University has violated a specific provision of this  
9 Agreement. Matters involving the evaluation of academic or clinical performance or  
10 professional behavior, a non-reappointment decision, or any other academic matters  
11 including but not limited to the failure to attain the educational objectives or requirements  
12 of the training program may not be pursued as grievances under this Article. Appeals  
13 related to these matters are covered under the UW GME Remediation Policy and  
14 Grievance Procedure.  
15

16 **3. Contents.** The written grievance shall include the following information. Failure to  
17 include the following information will not delay filing of the grievance or starting the  
18 clock for required response and meetings.  
19 a) The date upon which the grievance occurred  
20 b) The specific Article(s) and Section(s) of the Agreement violated.  
21 c) Specific remedy requested.  
22 d) The grievant(s) name(s).  
23 e) Name and signature of Union representative (Staff or Steward).  
24 f) The nature of the grievance.  
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26 **4. Scope**  
27 This article does not govern complaints made outside the terms of this Agreement.  
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29 **5. Consolidation**  
30 Grievances arising out of the same set of facts may be consolidated by written agreement.  
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32 **6. Grievance Withdrawal**  
33 A grievance may be withdrawn by the Union in writing at any time.  
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35 **7. Representation.**  
36 a) An employee may not file a grievance without the permission of the RFPU. All  
37 employees are encouraged to resolve disagreements within their respective  
38 programs. Employees may contact the RFPU at any time to begin the grievance  
39 procedure, and the RFPU has sole discretion to determine whether the grievance  
40 shall be filed, and the extent to which the grievance shall be pursued.  
41 b) With the permission of the RFPU, an aggrieved party may be accompanied by  
42 another resident, employee, or legal counsel.  
43

44 **8. Time Limits.** Failure to notify, file, or appeal a grievance within the specified time  
45 periods will constitute a waiver of the grievance and the matter will be deemed resolved.  
46 Similarly, failure of the University to respond within the time limits permits the grievance

1 to automatically proceed to the next step of the grievance procedure. By mutual written  
2 agreement, parties may extend any and all time limits, and reasonable requests for  
3 specific time extensions should be honored.

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5 **9. Filing and Processing.** A grievance must be filed within sixty (60) days of the  
6 occurrence giving rise to the grievance, or the date the grievant knew or could reasonably  
7 have known of the occurrence. When possible the sixty (60) day periods above should  
8 be used to attempt to informally resolve the dispute. The union steward or staff  
9 representative will indicate when a discussion with the Employer is an attempt to  
10 informally resolve a dispute.

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12 **10. Retaliation.** Under no circumstances will the University tolerate retaliation against a  
13 Resident for filing or otherwise exercising the rights of this article. Any Resident who  
14 believes that retaliation has occurred against them by any member of the University  
15 should notify the GME Office immediately.

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17 **11. Grievance Process.** The following procedure represents the exclusive means for  
18 deciding grievances. Both parties agree to undertake the process in good faith and to  
19 confer with one another throughout the process. A grievance can start on Step Two if the  
20 grievance pertains to a bargaining unit wide issue. The RFPU can unilaterally decide to  
21 skip Step One. In addition, upon mutual agreement, Step Two or Three may be skipped.  
22 No resolution that is inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement will be permitted.

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24 a) **Step One.** A grievance must be filed in writing (or electronically) by the RFPU on  
25 behalf of the aggrieved party or parties to the Program Director, the GME Office,  
26 and the Director of Labor Relations (laborrel@uw.edu). The date of filing is the  
27 date the grievance is received by the Program Director, GME Office, and Labor  
28 Relations.

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30 The Program Director (and/or Employer's designee) will meet with the grievant and  
31 a representative chosen by the RFPU within thirty (30) calendar days of receiving  
32 the grievance. Both parties will make a good faith effort to schedule the meeting in  
33 a timely fashion. The grievant will have the opportunity to present their case at this  
34 meeting. The Program Director (or Employer's designee) will issue a written  
35 response to the grievance within fourteen (14) calendar days of the meeting. The  
36 response will cite the specific article(s) of this Agreement that is under question  
37 and include an explanation of the decision, including why the case did or did not  
38 amount to a violation of this Agreement.

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40 Resolutions at Step One, although final, will not be precedential.

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42 b) **Step Two.** If the grievance is not resolved at Step One, the RFPU may appeal in  
43 writing to the GME Office and Labor Relations within fourteen (14) calendar days  
44 after receipt of the Step One decision. The Employer may designate other  
45 appropriate University personnel to act as the University's representative for the  
46 purposes of Step Two.

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2 Representatives from the GME Office and Labor Relations, as well as the Program  
3 Director (and/or designee) will meet with the grievant and representatives from the  
4 RFPU within thirty (30) calendar days of receiving the grievance, unless there is a  
5 mutually agreed upon time extension as previously outlined. The grievant will have  
6 the opportunity to present its case at this meeting. The Employer will issue a written  
7 response to the grievance within fourteen (14) calendar days of the meeting. The  
8 statement will cite the specific article(s) of this Agreement that is under question  
9 and provide an explanation regarding its interpretation.

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11 No resolution that is inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement will be permitted.  
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13 **c) Step Three. Grievance Committee and Mediation.**

14 If the grievance is not resolved at Step Two, the RFPU may appeal in writing  
15 within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of the Step Two decision. The Step  
16 Two appeal must be filed with the GME Office and the Director of Labor Relations.  
17 The Union will indicate on the appeal if they are requesting the Grievance  
18 Committee or Mediation.

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20 i) **Committee:** If the Union requests the Grievance Committee and the Employer  
21 agrees, the GME Office will forward the grievance to the Chair of the Graduate  
22 Medical Education Committee (GMEC). The Chair of GMEC and RFPU will  
23 appoint a committee to hear the grievance as outlined below. The committee  
24 will convene within thirty (30) calendar days of the GME Office receipt of the  
25 appeal on a mutually agreed upon date. If the Committee meeting cannot be  
26 scheduled within sixty (60) days of the GME Office receipt of the appeal due to  
27 lack of availability of the participants, either party may forgo the Committee  
28 process and submit the grievance to PERC for mediation.

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30 ii) **Composition:** The committee will be composed of two (2) physician  
31 representatives chosen by the Chair of the GMEC and 2 resident members  
32 chosen by the RFPU. Faculty and residents of the program(s) involved in the  
33 dispute may not be appointed, except in grievances pertaining to the entire  
34 membership. An additional representative will be designated by the Director of  
35 Labor Relations. The Committee will be chaired by the Associate Dean for  
36 Graduate Medical Education or his/her designee. In order to hasten scheduling  
37 of this meeting, both the Chair of GMEC and the RFPU are encouraged to  
38 select at least four representatives each who could serve, collect availability  
39 information, and then decide on the exact members based on ability to  
40 schedule the meeting in a timely fashion.

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42 iii) **Attendance:** The aggrieved party(ies) and any other individuals with germane  
43 knowledge of the events or specific terms of the Agreement under  
44 consideration will be permitted to attend the meeting. However, only the  
45 aforementioned Committee members are permitted to be in attendance during



1 any pre-proceeding meetings (i.e., organizational meetings) and the  
2 deliberations.

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4 iv) **Execution:** Both parties will have an opportunity to present their interpretation  
5 of the case to the Committee. Members of the Committee may ask clarifying  
6 questions to either party at any time. The Committee as well as both parties will  
7 have an opportunity to ask questions of third parties who appear as subject  
8 matter experts or witnesses.

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10 v) **Decision-Making:** The Committee shall issue a written consensus statement  
11 of its findings and render a recommended course of action within fourteen (14)  
12 calendar days that will be transmitted to all parties to the grievance. Any  
13 Committee member may write a dissenting statement in addition to the  
14 consensus statement that is allowed. The RFPU and the University shall each  
15 have fourteen (14) calendar days to accept or reject the Committee decision. If  
16 either party rejects the decision, the matter may be moved to Step Four.

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18 d) **Step Three Grievance Mediation.** In lieu of the Step Three Committee, the RFPU  
19 may opt to request mediation with the Public Employment Relations Commission  
20 (PERC) in accordance with WAC 391-55-020. In addition to all other filing  
21 requirements, the request must include a copy of the grievance and all previous  
22 responses.

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24 RFPU will send a copy to the Labor Relations Office within thirty (30) days of  
25 receipt of the Step Two decision. The University will inform the RFPU, in writing,  
26 and PERC within thirty (30) days of receipt of Mediation request if they are not in  
27 agreement. Participation in mediation will be on a voluntary basis. Proposals made  
28 in mediation will not have any precedential value or relevance at arbitration unless  
29 otherwise agreed by the parties. At any point, either party can choose to proceed  
30 to Step Four.

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32 e) **Step Four.** If the grievance is not resolved at Step Two or at Step Three, the RFPU  
33 may appeal the grievance to an impartial arbitrator within thirty (30) calendar days  
34 after the receipt of the Step Three decision or the conclusion of the Step Three  
35 mediation. The submission of the matter to arbitration will be provided to the GME  
36 Office and the Director of Labor Relations and will state the issue to be arbitrated  
37 and the remedy that is sought.

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39 **Panel of Arbitrators:**

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41 i) The parties agree to use the previously established permanent panel of six (6)  
42 arbitrators.

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44 ii) An arbitrator will be selected from the permanent panel by the parties  
45 alternately striking names until one remains. If the arbitrator is not available to  
46 hear the case within sixty (60) calendar days of being contacted to request

1 available arbitration dates either party may elect to go to the whose name was  
2 the last to be struck. If no arbitrator can hear the case within sixty (60) calendar  
3 days of being contacted, the case will be assigned to the arbitrator who can  
4 hear the case on the earliest date.

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- 6 iii) The appointment to the panel will be for the life of the Agreement. If an arbitrator  
7 decides to remove their name from the panel the parties will meet to decide  
8 whether to substitute an additional name(s).
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- 10 iv) The arbitrator will conduct a hearing in accordance with the rules of the  
11 American Arbitration Association. The arbitrator will strive to render a decision  
12 on the grievance within thirty (30) days of the close of the hearing, or as  
13 otherwise agreed between the parties.
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- 15 v) The decision of the arbitrator will be binding on all parties.
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- 17 vi) The expenses and fees of the arbitrator will be shared equally by the RFPU  
18 and the University.
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- 20 vii) The parties agree that the arbitrator shall not have the power or jurisdiction to  
21 render a decision that adds to, subtracts from, alters, amends or modifies in  
22 any way the terms and conditions of Agreement. The arbitrator will have no  
23 jurisdiction or authority to substitute his/her judgment for any academic or  
24 clinical judgment made by the University.
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- 26 viii) Each party is responsible for all fees and costs of its staff representatives,  
27 attorneys, experts, witnesses, and all other costs related to the development  
28 and presentation of their case.
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**Article 8: Health and Safety**

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**1. Policies.** The University will ensure a healthy and safe learning and working environment that provides for security and safety measures appropriate to the participating site. The University shall comply with applicable Federal, State, and local health and safety legislation and regulations and has designated the University’s Environmental Health and Safety Department to advise and monitor compliance with such standards. The University will provide notice and an opportunity to bargain the impacts of any policy changes that have a material impact on Resident safety.

**2. Working Conditions.** All work shall be performed in conformity with applicable safety standards. Residents are encouraged to immediately report any unsafe working conditions to their Program Director. No Resident shall be disciplined for reporting any condition nor be required to work or to operate equipment when they have reasonable grounds to believe such action would result immediate danger to life or safety. On request, the Environmental Health and Safety Department shall review the concern and issue a decision.

**3. Committee.** Health and safety issues shall be an appropriate agenda item for the Housestaff Advisory Committee on an ongoing basis.

**Article 9: Housestaff Advisory Committee**

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3 **1. Purpose.** Representatives of the University and the RFPU will meet periodically to  
4 provide a forum for communications between the parties to deal with matters of general  
5 concern.

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7 **2. Composition.** The Housestaff Advisory Committee will be composed of three (3)  
8 members of the RFPU collective bargaining unit and three (3) representatives from the  
9 University.

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11 **3. Meetings.** Committee meetings may be requested by an authorized representative of  
12 either party at any time. Requests for a quarterly meeting will be honored, but the parties  
13 may agree to meet more or less frequently. At least one (1) weeks' notice will be given to  
14 Committee members of the meeting time and agenda.

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16 **4. Committee Scope.** The Committee's function will be limited to an advisory capacity  
17 and will not include any decision-making or collective bargaining authority, but the parties  
18 may recommend topics or language for discussion by the bargaining teams at subsequent  
19 collective bargaining sessions. Committee meeting topics will be limited to subjects of  
20 group rather than individual concern, unless mutually agreed upon. The Committee will  
21 not discuss grievances as defined in this Agreement without mutual agreement. It is not  
22 intended that this Article obligate either party to negotiate on personnel matters covered  
23 in this Agreement or to alter, limit, restrict, or reduce prerogatives of either party otherwise  
24 provided in this Agreement.

**Article 10: Leave - Bereavement**

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**Bereavement Leave.** In the event of the death of a Resident’s family member, a Resident shall be granted paid bereavement time off. The amount of paid time off shall be only that which is required to attend the funeral and/or make arrangements necessitated by the death, but in no event shall it exceed three (3) days. Up to two (2) additional days may be granted if significant travel is required. If additional time off is needed, the Resident may request the use of available vacation or sick time off. The Resident must inform the Program Director as soon as possible of the need for bereavement time off. Family member is defined in Article 15 Leave – Sick.

1                    **Article 11: Washington Family Medical Leave Program (PFML)**  
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3 Washington Family Medical Leave Program effective January 1, 2020

4 The parties recognize that the Washington State Family and Medical Leave Program  
5 (RCW 50A.04) is in effect beginning January 1, 2020 and eligibility for and approval of  
6 leave for purposes as described under that Program shall be in accordance with RCW  
7 50A.04. In the event that the legislature amends all or part of RCW 50A.04, those  
8 amendments are considered by the parties to be incorporated herein. In the event that  
9 the legislature repeals all or part of RCW 50A.04, those provisions that are repealed are  
10 considered by the parties to be expired and no longer in effect upon the effective date of  
11 their repeal.

12 Under RCW 50A, employer provided healthcare benefits must be maintained during a  
13 PFML leave, so interspersing time off is not required provided the employee qualifies for  
14 a reason under the federal FMLA. Under RCW 50A.15.060(2), the University has  
15 elected to offer supplemental benefits in the form of sick time off, vacation time off, and  
16 personal holiday.

17 Employees requesting PFML benefits through the Employment Security Department  
18 must provide notice to the University as outlined under RCW 50A.04.030.

19 For more information about how to apply for PFML and how to use concurrent leave  
20 benefits, please refer to [https://ap.washington.edu/ahr/policies/leaves/washington-state-  
21 paid-family-and-medical-leave-pfml/](https://ap.washington.edu/ahr/policies/leaves/washington-state-paid-family-and-medical-leave-pfml/).

22 **Extended Leave.** Residents working at training programs outside of the State of  
23 Washington who are not eligible for PFML and are not covered by a similar state-paid  
24 sick leave programs may be eligible for paid extended leave if the Resident has used all  
25 of the Resident’s eligible vacation and sick time off, and would otherwise need to take  
26 time off without pay or separate from the UW GME training program. The Resident must  
27 have a “qualifying condition.” Qualifying conditions generally may be expected to include  
28 a severe, extraordinary, or life-threatening illness or injury, such as suicidal ideation or  
29 substance abuse disorder, requiring extended inpatient treatment under the direction of  
30 the relevant state’s Physicians Health Program.<sup>1</sup> Eligible Residents may receive and use  
31 a maximum of twelve (12) weeks of paid extended leave during their appointment as a  
32 Resident to the University. Paid extended leave will not be approved in excess of what is  
33 authorized by the Resident’s healthcare provider. All requests for paid extended leave  
34 are subject to approval by the Employer. Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) leave, if  
35 available, runs concurrently with Paid Extended Leave.

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<sup>1</sup> Nothing in this agreement should be construed to alter the University’s definition of “Qualifying Condition” under the Shared Leave Policy. Examples of qualifying conditions are provided for illustrative purposes only. All submitted conditions are evaluated on a case-by-case basis in order to determine the appropriateness under this article.

**Article 12: Leave - Holidays**

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3 **1. Holidays.** Residents may join in the observance of all official holidays recognized by  
4 the training site at which they are assigned at the time of the holiday. Programs will try to  
5 schedule these days free from responsibilities for Residents, however, clinical  
6 responsibilities and educational requirements may necessitate that a resident report for  
7 duty on a holiday. Program Directors will make every effort to fairly distribute required  
8 clinical responsibilities that fall on a holiday amongst Residents over the course of the  
9 training program.

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11 For the purposes of this Article, Seattle Children’s will observe the same holidays as the  
12 University of Washington for Resident work assignments. The University of Washington  
13 holidays are as follows:

- 14 1. New Year’s Day
- 15 2. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 16 3. Presidents Day
- 17 4. Memorial Day
- 18 5. Independence Day
- 19 6. Labor Day
- 20 7. Veterans Day
- 21 8. Thanksgiving Day
- 22 9. Native American Heritage Day
- 23 10. Christmas Day

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25 Residents who are not scheduled to work on the above holidays will not be required to  
26 utilize any other type of paid time off for the holiday.

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28 **2. Faith/Conscience Unpaid Holiday.** In accordance with RCW 1.16.050, Residents  
29 may take up to two (2) unpaid holidays per calendar year for a reason of faith or  
30 conscience, or for an organized activity conducted under the auspices of a religious  
31 denomination, church, or religious organization.

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33 To take unpaid time off under the statute, Residents must consult with their Program  
34 Director and use their Program’s procedure for making advance time off requests. The  
35 Resident will need to inform their Program Director that the requested unpaid day(s) is  
36 for a reason of faith or conscience or for an organized activity conducted under the  
37 auspices of a religious denomination, church, or religious organization.

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39 The Program Director can only deny a Resident’s requested day(s) off if the Program  
40 Director determines that the requested time off would impose an undue hardship on the  
41 training site, or the Resident’s presence is necessary to maintain public safety. Undue  
42 hardship is defined in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 82-56-020. Residents may  
43 be asked to provide verification for their unpaid time off request.

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45 **3. Paid Personal Holiday.** Residents are entitled to one (1) paid personal holiday per  
46 calendar year. Each Resident may select the day on which the employee desires to take

1 the personal holiday provided for in this section after consultation with and approval from  
2 their Program Director pursuant to applicable state law. Unless requested by the resident,  
3 use of the paid personal holiday will not be substituted for other leave types.  
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5 If unused in the calendar year, the personal holiday is forfeit, and it is not paid at  
6 separation. It is the employee's responsibility to schedule the personal holiday before  
7 December 31<sup>st</sup>. If before the end of the calendar year the employee requests the use of  
8 their personal holiday in accordance with the employer's leave procedures and the  
9 employer denies the request, the employee is entitled to carry over the personal holiday  
10 to the next calendar year.  
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**Article 13: Leave - Miscellaneous**

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3 **1. Parental Leave.** Parental leave is defined as: up to four (4) months of leave taken after  
4 the birth of a child to the Resident, spouse or domestic partner, or because of the  
5 placement of a child with the Resident or domestic partner through adoption or foster  
6 care. Parental leave may extend up to six (6) months, including time covered by the  
7 FMLA, during the first year after the child's birth or placement. Leave beyond the period  
8 covered by FMLA may only be denied by the Employer due to operational necessity.  
9 Extensions beyond six (6) months may be approved by the Employer. The Resident may  
10 use a combination of vacation, up to eighteen (18) weeks of sick time off, personal  
11 holiday, and/or unpaid time off while on parental leave.

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13 During the period of the parental leave, the University shall maintain basic insurance  
14 benefits for the Resident. The Resident will be responsible for maintaining any optional  
15 insurance coverage, other payroll deductions, and insurance co-payments. Residents  
16 may utilize benefits under Washington's Family and Medical Leave (PFML) Program as  
17 defined in RCW 50A.04.

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19 **2. Pregnancy Accommodation.** The Employer and the Union will comply with all  
20 relevant federal and state laws, regulations, and executive orders and with the provisions  
21 of Washington Administrative Policy Statement 46.7 Reasonable Accommodation of  
22 Pregnant Employees. The University and the Union are committed to providing  
23 reasonable accommodation to pregnant employees. Pregnant Residents are encouraged  
24 to seek needed accommodations to their schedules and work responsibilities during their  
25 pregnancy and for two (2) months afterwards. The University will provide  
26 training/guidance to Program Directors regarding accommodation for pregnant  
27 Residents.

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29 **Reasonable Accommodations.** Pregnant Residents may request reasonable  
30 accommodations that may include, but not limited to, relief from overnight call, shifts of  
31 24 hours or greater, and work requiring possible exposure to radiation and teratogens  
32 (both chemical and infectious). However, the pregnant Resident may request any  
33 accommodations they choose. A pregnant Resident will be granted a request for relief  
34 from working shifts of 24 hours or greater during the period of pregnancy.  
35 Accommodations, if granted, may take the form of schedule changes, reassignment of  
36 work site, or decreased work hours. Residents may be required to make up these  
37 responsibilities, however Program Directors are encouraged to guarantee these  
38 accommodations without the requirement to make them up after the fact.

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40 **How To Request Accommodations.** A pregnant Resident may request an  
41 accommodation from the Resident's Program Director or by contacting the Disability  
42 Services Office (DSO). At no point is the resident required to disclose the need for an  
43 accommodation or the underlying medical condition to their immediate supervisor or any  
44 University representative outside of DSO, or Academic Human Resources (AHR). The  
45 Program Director, with or without assistance from the DSO, will make a good faith effort  
46 to promptly implement requested accommodations that are determined to be reasonable.

1 Every attempt should be made by the Resident to communicate with the Program Director  
2 and other Residents about the Resident's time away so as to organize call schedules and  
3 mitigate any misunderstandings about call and coverage schedules. Residents who  
4 initially make accommodation requests through their Program Director are encouraged to  
5 contact DSO if there is disagreement or discrepancy regarding requests and  
6 accommodations made. The parties may discuss the effectiveness of this section as an  
7 ongoing topic at the Housestaff Advisory Committee.  
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9 **3. Family and Medical Leave.** Consistent with the federal Family and Medical Leave Act  
10 of 1993, an employee who has worked for the state for at least twelve (12) months and  
11 for at least one thousand two hundred and fifty (1250) hours during the twelve (12) months  
12 prior to the requested leave is entitled to up to twelve (12) work weeks of leave per year  
13 for any combination of the following:  
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- 15 a. Parental leave to care for a newborn or newly placed adopted or foster child; or
- 16 b. Personal medical leave due to the employee's own serious medical condition that  
17 requires the employee's absence from work; or
- 18 c. Family medical leave to care for a family member who suffers from a serious  
19 medical condition that requires care or supervision by the employee.
- 20 d. Family Member is defined as: the employee's spouse or same or opposite sex  
21 domestic partner, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sister, or brother. It also  
22 includes individuals in the following relationships with the employee's spouse or  
23 domestic partner: child, parent, and grandparent. "Child" also includes any child  
24 residing in the employee's home through foster care, legal guardianship or custody.  
25 Family members include those persons in a "step" relationship.  
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27 The amount of family medical leave available to an employee is determined by using a  
28 rolling twelve (12) month period. The rolling twelve (12) month period measures FMLA  
29 leave availability by "looking backward" from the date an employee begins FMLA leave,  
30 adding up any FMLA leave used in the previous twelve (12) months, and subtracting that  
31 amount from the employee's twelve (12) workweek FMLA leave entitlement. The  
32 remaining amount is available to the employee.  
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34 The University will continue the employee's existing employer-paid health insurance  
35 benefits during the period of leave covered by FMLA. The Resident will be responsible  
36 for maintaining any optional insurance coverage, other payroll deductions, insurance co-  
37 payments and their portion of the health insurance premium. If the Resident's medical or  
38 parental leave extends beyond the FMLA-covered period, paid time off may be utilized to  
39 retain UW-paid benefits eligibility if approved by the GME Office, or the Resident may use  
40 a variety of self-pay options outlined on the UW Benefits Office website. If necessary, due  
41 to continued approved personal medical or parental leave approved beyond the FMLA  
42 period, or if the employee is not eligible for FMLA, the employee may elect to use eight  
43 (8) hours of accrued applicable paid time off for continuation of employer paid health  
44 insurance benefits for the duration of the approved leave of absence. The interspersed  
45 paid time off will be applied to the first working day of the month.  
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1 FMLA leave may be taken intermittently or as part of a reduced work schedule when  
2 medically necessary.

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4 These leaves will be unpaid unless the Resident elects to use paid time off to the extent  
5 the circumstances meet the requirements for sick time off or as required by law.

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7 FMLA may run concurrently with other leaves that may be either paid or unpaid.  
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9 **4. Civil Leave.** Civil duty time off, or civil time off, is paid time off granted to Residents  
10 who are called to serve on jury duty, as trial witnesses, to exercise other subpoenaed civil  
11 duties, or to testify in any other proceeding. In addition to regular pay, Residents may  
12 retain any compensation received while on approved civil duty time off. At the Resident's  
13 request, the Program will provide a letter requesting deferral of jury duty. Residents are  
14 not entitled to civil for civil legal actions that they initiate or when named as a defendant  
15 or respondent in a private legal action that is not directly related to their University  
16 appointment.

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18 **5. Military Leave.** Residents called to active duty in one (1) of the uniformed services of  
19 the United States are entitled to 21 paid days (3 weeks) of military leave per year, if  
20 appointed at least 50% FTE. In addition, during a period of military conflict, Residents  
21 with spouses who are members of United States armed forces, National Guard or  
22 reserves are entitled to a total of 15 days of unpaid time off per deployment after the  
23 service member has been notified of an impending call to active duty and before  
24 deployment, or when the service member is on leave from deployment. A Resident may  
25 elect to substitute paid vacation for any part of the otherwise unpaid spousal military  
26 leave.

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28 **6. Other Unpaid Leave.** At their request, a Resident may be granted a leave of absence  
29 without pay at the discretion of their Program Director.

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31 **7. Effects of Leave on Board Eligibility.** Leaves of absence, for any reason, may affect  
32 a Resident's eligibility for board certification. Program Directors will inform Residents of  
33 their Program's policy on this topic, which specifies the effects of leaves of absence on  
34 eligibility for certification by the relevant Member Board. Residents must complete all  
35 program requirements related to clinical training, didactics, scholarly activities, and other  
36 program curricula. Residents may not accumulate leave time off or vacation time off to  
37 shorten the overall length of training. Should any approved leaves compromise the  
38 necessary training time for certification, the Resident will receive additional training  
39 sufficient to meet certification requirements. During such additional training, the Resident  
40 will continue to receive salary/stipends and benefits at the level of the year of training the  
41 Resident is completing. The completion date on the Resident's graduation certificate will  
42 reflect the additional training time.

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44 **8. Leave Related to Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking.** As required by  
45 state law, and in accordance with University policy, the University will grant time off and/or  
46 reasonable safety accommodations to an employee who is a victim of domestic violence,

1 sexual assault, or stalking. Time off may also be granted to an employee who has to  
2 assist a family member who is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking.  
3 The parties will continue to work to promote knowledge of this employee right.  
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**Article 14: Leave - Professional**

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**Professional Leave.** At the discretion of the Program Director, Residents may receive up to ten (10) - days of paid Professional Leave, per academic year, for professional activities. Examples of professional activities may include presenting scholarly work at, or attending, a professional or scientific meeting, sitting for exams, participating in other educational activities outside of their training program, serving on committees of professional organizations or participating in professional interviews Requests for Professional Leave must be made in accordance with the requirements of the program. Additional Professional Leave in excess of ten (10) days may be granted at the discretion of the Program Director and must be funded by the program.

Senior Residents will be given priority in requests for professional leave and programs will make every effort to grant professional leave for fellowship or job interviews. Requests for Professional Leave are subject to prior approval by the Program Director.

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**Article 15: Leave - Sick**

**1. Introduction.**

When a Resident is unable to work due to illness or injury and certain criteria are met, paid sick time off shall be available. It is in the parties' mutual interest that Residents are both encouraged and supported by their programs and colleagues to not work when acutely ill.

**2. Sick and Health Maintenance Leave.**

- a. Residents will receive seventeen (17) days (12 weekdays and 5 weekend days) of paid sick time off at the start of each one (1) year appointment period. Sick time off is rolled over to subsequent training years while the Resident is appointed to a UW GME training program or if appointed within two (2) years of the end of a previous UW GME appointment. Accumulated sick time off that is not transferable is not compensable at the completion or expiration of the appointment to the Program.
- b. Residents appointed less than full time shall receive sick time off on a pro rata basis.

**3. Sick leave may be used for the following:**

- a. Personal illness, disability, or injury (including illness or disability due to pregnancy), childbirth or to recover from childbirth.
- b. Personal medical, dental, mental health, or optical appointments. Residents must be given the opportunity to attend medical, mental health (including GME Wellness Service appointments), optical, and dental care appointments, including those scheduled during their working hours. The Resident must provide advance notice to their supervising attending of any such appointments, and otherwise comply with any applicable Program policy. The goal is to minimize the disruption to patient care and Resident training, while encouraging Residents to avail themselves of appropriate personal health care. Residents who take four (4) hours or less for medical appointments during a given twenty-four (24) hour period will not be required to utilize sick time off. Residents who have appointments during a scheduled break need not use their sick time off. Unless required as part of an accommodation process or for FMLA approval, Residents will not be required to inform their program of the nature of their medical, mental health, dental and optical appointments including any faculty, administrators, or program directors.

- c. To care for a child (as defined in Family Member below) of the Resident who has a health condition that requires treatment or supervision.
- d. To care for the Resident's seriously ill family member or partner.
- e. To accompany a family member or partner to medical, dental, or optical appointments where the Resident's presence is required. The Resident must make advance arrangements with the Program for such absences.
- f. Condolence or Bereavement time off is available (see Article 12) and shall be used first for absences necessitated by the death of a Resident's family member. – Sick time off may be used for absences in excess of time available via Bereavement time off.
- g. When the Resident's sick time off may be used when the employee's child's school or day care has been closed by a public health official for any health related reason.
- h. Parental leave as specified in Article 13 Leave – Miscellaneous.

**4. Family Member:**

Family member is defined as the employee's spouse or same or opposite sex domestic partner, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, or sibling. Family member also includes individuals in the following relationships with the employee's spouse or domestic partner: child, parent, or grandparent. Child also includes a child of a legal guardian or de facto parent, regardless of age or dependency status and those to whom the employee is "in loco parentis" or "de facto" parent as well as a child of a legal guardian or de facto parent. Parent and Parent-in-law also includes de facto parent, foster parent, stepparent, or legal guardian.

**5 GME Wellness:**

Residents attending appointments with the GME Wellness office shall not be charged sick time off for these appointments.

**Article 16: Leave - Vacation**

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3 **1. Vacation Leave.** Residents will receive a minimum of twenty-one (21) days (15  
4 weekdays and 6 weekend days) of paid vacation at the start of each one (1) year  
5 appointment period. Any individual Program may increase the number of days of paid  
6 vacation for their program or particular postgraduate year(s) of their program, at their  
7 discretion. Residents appointed less than full time but greater than or equal to 50% FTE  
8 will receive vacation time off credit on a pro rata basis. Residents appointed less than  
9 50% FTE are not eligible to receive and/or use vacation time off. Unused vacation time  
10 off shall lapse at the expiration of each appointment period.

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12 Beginning July 1, 2020, Residents will receive a minimum of twenty-four (24) days (18  
13 weekdays and 6 weekend days) of paid vacation at the start of each one (1) year  
14 appointment period. Any individual Program may increase the number of days of paid  
15 vacation for their program or particular postgraduate year(s) of their program, at their  
16 discretion. Residents appointed less than full time but greater than or equal to 50% FTE  
17 will receive vacation time off credit on a pro rata basis. Residents appointed less than  
18 50% FTE are not eligible to receive and/or use vacation time off. Unused vacation time  
19 off shall lapse at the expiration of each appointment period.

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21 Beginning July 1, 2021, Residents will receive a minimum of twenty-eight (28) days (20  
22 weekdays and 8 weekend days) of paid vacation at the start of each one (1) year  
23 appointment period. Residents appointed less than full time but greater than or equal to  
24 50% FTE will receive vacation time off credit on a pro rata basis. Residents appointed  
25 less than 50% FTE are not eligible to receive and/or use vacation time off. Unused  
26 vacation time off shall lapse at the expiration of each appointment period.

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28 **2. Vacation Scheduling.** All vacation requests must be submitted to the program  
29 according to program policy and approved by the Program Director prior to  
30 commencement. Additional approval may be required by the head of the clinical service  
31 upon which the Resident is rotating, if applicable. Programs will make every effort to honor  
32 vacation requests that are made in a timely manner.

33 **3. Effects of Leave on Board Eligibility.** Every Member Board of the American Board  
34 of Medical Specialties, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology,  
35 and Pediatric Dentistry has time off restrictions that differ from those of the University of  
36 Washington, and Residents are subject to both sets of policies. Use of vacation time off  
37 may affect a Resident's eligibility for board certification. Program Directors will inform  
38 Residents of their Program's policy on this topic, which specifies the effects of the leaves  
39 on eligibility for certification by the relevant Member Board. Residents are not entitled to  
40 vacation time off that impacts eligibility for certification by the relevant member board.  
41 Residents must complete all program requirements related to clinical training, didactics,  
42 scholarly activities, and other program curricula. Residents may not utilize vacation time  
43 off to shorten the overall length of training.



**Article 17: Management Rights**

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3 **Section 1.** Management of the University is vested exclusively in the University, including  
4 educational programs and the authority to make all decisions related to managing its  
5 programs. Except as expressly provided otherwise in this Agreement, the management  
6 rights of the University include, but are not limited to, the right to establish and control the  
7 University's programs, resources and priorities; to establish, revise and administer  
8 procedures, reasonable rules and regulations; to alter or discontinue existing equipment,  
9 facilities, and location of operations; to determine or modify the number, qualifications,  
10 scheduling, responsibilities and assignment of Residents; to evaluate and to determine  
11 the processes and criteria by which the performance of Residents are evaluated; to  
12 establish, maintain, modify or enforce standards of performance, conduct, order and  
13 safety; to impose corrective action including to terminate a Resident from a training  
14 program; to determine the eligibility and selection criteria of Residents; to determine and  
15 assign the training assignments of Residents; to determine Resident schedules and hours  
16 within ACGME duty hour limits; to assign work locations; and to take whatever actions  
17 are necessary in the event of an emergency.

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19 **Section 2.** The University has the sole and exclusive authority to make all decisions  
20 involving patient care, including the procedures, facilities, and equipment to be used, as  
21 well as to determine, establish and change staffing levels and the coverage for each  
22 service, shift, and department. All such matters, as well as matters relating to clinical  
23 judgment, shall be made at the sole discretion of the University.

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25 **Section 3.** Except as expressly provided otherwise in this agreement, the University has  
26 the sole and exclusive authority to make all decisions involving educational policy; to  
27 establish the standards and qualifications for selection and advancement through the  
28 Residency program; and to determine the training methods and curricula to be utilized in  
29 the Residency programs.

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31 **Section 4.** The determination of whether duties will be assigned to Residents or other  
32 individuals, or reassigned from Residents to other individuals, will be made by the  
33 University.

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35 **Section 5.** For Resident training facilities over which the University does not have sole  
36 operational authority, the language in this Agreement will not supersede facility-specific  
37 practices. Policies or practices at non-University controlled facilities will be an appropriate  
38 topic for discussion with the Housestaff Advisory Committee. The University will work with  
39 the operators of these non-University facilities to encourage adoption of practices  
40 consistent with this Agreement and recommendations of the Housestaff Advisory  
41 Committee.

**Article 18: Working Outside of the Training Program**

**1. Background:**

- a. Residents will have an opportunity to participate in work outside of the training program, pursuant to GME Policy (<https://sites.uw.edu/uwgme/policies-procedures/>).
- b. Residents are permitted to work outside of the training program, provided that such activity meets the requirements in this article, does not interfere with the responsibilities, duties and assignments of their training program, their availability for duty, or their program performance at the University of Washington.
- c. Work Outside of the Training Program (“Outside Work”) is defined as any voluntary, clinical or non-clinical work that is outside of a trainee’s regularly scheduled program duties, done for additional compensation. Outside work includes (1) Internal Moonlighting, (2) External Moonlighting, (3) Extra Pay for Extra Duty and (4) Additional Non-Clinical Work.
- d. Resident requests to participate in work outside of the training program will be evaluated in the context of the following key principles: (a) protect patient safety, and (b) ensure that the training of Residents within their training program is not compromised.
- e. The University may at its discretion deny approval of any proposed outside work activity that in its view may not meet compliance requirements under ACCGME requirements, state law, federal law and/or Medicare program laws and regulations.

**2. Eligibility:**

- a. **Training Year:** Per ACGME requirements, the Resident must have completed their PGY-1 year of training.
- b. **Program Performance:** The Resident must be meeting the requirements of their program, as assessed according to the aggregate of the most recent 6 months of Milestones assessments or equivalent assessment results (in programs that do not use the ACGME milestones as a metric), and not be subject to remediation or other disciplinary action as defined by GME Policy.
- c. **Licensure:** The Resident should refer to the GME Policy on Working Outside of the Training Program for licensure requirements. If otherwise meeting the requirements for moonlighting, programs will grant conditional approval for moonlighting prior to the Resident having obtained all required licensure for moonlighting, including the appropriate medical or dental license and a paid DEA license, if applicable.

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d. **Grant Funding:** If a Resident is funded by any grant mechanism that prohibits clinical activity as a requirement of funding, that Resident will be prohibited from moonlighting during the time they are funded by that mechanism. The UWHA or GME may request through the applicable Office of Sponsored Programs (“OSP”) to the sponsor, that grant language prohibiting moonlighting be removed, with such request subject to sponsor approval.

e. **Visa Restrictions:** External moonlighting by J-1 visa holders is not permitted under any circumstances. External moonlighting by H-1B visa holders is permitted only if the University representing the site of the proposed moonlighting activities has properly filed a concurrent H-1B petition.

**3. Notification:** If the Program Director or UW GME determined that a particular Resident does not meet the eligibility criteria described above and should thus not be permitted to moonlight, they will provide to the Resident specific reasons related to the factors listed in this article as to why that Resident should not do so, as well as objective criteria by which the Resident can improve their standing in the program, as applicable. Program Directors and UW GME will not automatically or arbitrarily deny outside work requests and will evaluate each request based on the individual circumstances and eligibility criteria as defined herein.

**4. Review.** The decision to deny a moonlighting request under this article may be challenged by the Resident under the grievance procedure of this Agreement. However, the appeal may not be escalated beyond Step 2 of the grievance procedure.

**Article 19: No Strikes, No Lockouts**

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**1.** The University and the RFPU acknowledge that this Agreement provides, through the grievance procedure and through other administrative remedies, for an orderly settlement of grievances or disputes which may arise between the parties. Accordingly, the parties agree that the public interest requires the uninterrupted performance of all University and medical services and to this end pledge to prevent or eliminate any conduct contrary to that objective. Therefore, the University shall not lock out any of the employees as a result of a labor dispute or grievance or disputes on personnel matters; nor shall the RFPU in any way authorize, assist, condone, participate in, or lend support to any work stoppage, work slowdown or any other curtailment of work in the bargaining unit, and employees shall not engage in any such activity.

**2.** Should the RFPU or any Resident engage in any unauthorized concerted action, then once the employees have returned to work and continue working, a Housestaff Advisory Committee shall immediately meet in a good faith effort to resolve the dispute. This section shall not restrict the ability of the University to discipline employees for engaging in prohibited conduct.

**3.** Any action of the University in closing its facilities during a general strike, riot, or civil disturbance for the protection of the institution, its property, or its employees shall not be deemed a lockout.

**4.** Nothing herein constitutes a waiver of the University’s right to seek appropriate legal relief in the event of a violation of this Article.

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**Article 20: Non-Discrimination**

**1. Discrimination and Harassment.**

No employee shall be subjected to discrimination or harassment. Executive Order (EO) No. 31 is the UW policy that applies to discrimination and harassment. EO 31 currently defines discrimination as conduct that treats a person less favorably because of the person’s race, color, immigration status, citizenship, creed, religion, national origin, citizenship, sex, pregnancy, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, genetic information, disability or veteran status.

In addition, no employee shall be subjected to discrimination or harassment based on ethnic origin, political affiliation, medical condition, or union activities, including membership thereof.

**2. Complaints.**

Residents who feel they have been the subject of discrimination, harassment, or retaliation are encouraged to discuss such issues with the GME Office for local resolution. The goal of local resolution is to address and resolve problems as quickly as possible and to stop any inappropriate behavior. A discrimination complaint may be filed with the University Complaint Investigation and Resolution Office (UCIRO). Employees may also file discrimination, harassment, or retaliation complaints with appropriate federal or state agencies. The parties agree to encourage the filing of discrimination complaints through the University Complaint Investigation and Resolution Office.

**3. Retaliation.**

EO 31 currently prohibits retaliation against any individual who reports concerns regarding discrimination or harassment, who cooperates with or participates in any investigation of allegations of discrimination or harassment, or retaliation, or any individual who is perceived to have engaged in any of these actions.

**Article 21: Professional Development and Licensing**

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3 **1. Structure:** Residents will be reimbursed for costs incurred to obtain a required  
4 medical or dental license and in support of professional development as follows:

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6 • Washington-based medical Residents: Washington state post-graduate limited  
7 license and \$350 per academic year in professional development funds  
8 • Idaho-based medical Residents: Idaho state medical Resident license and \$350  
9 per academic year in professional development funds  
10 • Washington-based dental Residents: Washington state Resident dentist limited  
11 license (initial, and subsequently renewal, if applicable) and \$350 per academic  
12 year in professional development fund, per program policy

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14 Training Programs can choose to provide the cost of a full license, at program  
15 discretion.

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17 Residents who reside in the WWAMI region states not listed above will receive this  
18 benefit in an amount to be determined in part by the cost of a limited medical license  
19 in that state and \$350 per academic year in professional development funds, per  
20 program policy.

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22 Training Programs may determine whether to issue these payments as stipends or to  
23 reimburse costs. Reimbursement will be up to the amounts listed above. However, if  
24 a program decides to issue these funds as a stipend they will be issued as follows:

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26 • Washington-based medical Residents: Washington state post-graduate limited  
27 license and \$400 per academic year in professional development funds  
28 • Idaho-based medical residents: Idaho state medical Resident license and \$400  
29 per academic year in professional development funds  
30 • Washington-based dental Residents: Washington state Resident dentist limited  
31 license (initial, and subsequently renewal, if applicable) and \$400 per academic  
32 year in professional development fund, per program policy.

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34 In AY21 residents who have accumulated rollover professional development funds will  
35 be paid out the balance of those funds if their program selects the stipend option.

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37 **2. Purpose.** This fund is intended to be used for uncovered expenses related to the  
38 Resident's professional development during the course of their training at the  
39 University and may include, but is not limited to, travel, lodging and registration fees  
40 to attend non-program supported professional meetings or board preparation courses  
41 (in person or online); to purchase study materials (e.g., for USMLE, COMLEX or  
42 specialty boards), hard copy or electronic professional reference materials (e.g.  
43 textbooks or journals), and medical equipment etc. Residents are encouraged to  
44 check the University of Washington Health Sciences Library for the availability of any  
45 given book prior to purchasing a digital book.  
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1 All programs are encouraged (but not required) to continue providing their Residents  
2 with funding that addresses specialty specific needs (e.g. loupes, specialty specific  
3 memberships, etc.) and that enhance specialty specific Resident development and  
4 program reputation (e.g. research grants, specialty specific meetings, etc.). Residents  
5 whose programs reimburse professional development costs may roll over unused  
6 Professional Development funds to successive training years up to a total of fifteen  
7 hundred dollars (\$1500).

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9 **3. Required Certifications.** Residents will be completely reimbursed USMLE/COMLEX  
10 Step III, and any other required certifications not provided by the residency program  
11 (such as ACLS and PALS). For each of these mandatory expenses, Residents will  
12 submit a request to their department or program, pursuant to program policy, and will  
13 be reimbursed in full. Residents who moonlight must pay for DEA licensure.

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**Article 22: Salary/Stipend**

**Section 1. Salary/Stipend**

Residents will be paid according to the training year in which they are participating in the UW training program<sup>1</sup>, and Residents will not necessarily receive credit for prior training in a specialty that is not required for entry into the current program.<sup>2</sup> Residents in any given level of training will be reimbursed at the same rate regardless of funding source, and there will be no differentials among the various specialty fields.

Residents will receive a step increase upon successful completion of the training year and promotion to the next training level. Residents who are required to complete (a) non-accredited research year(s) during the course of their accredited training will receive a step increase for each year of research and upon reentry into the accredited training program.

**Section 1.1 Housestaff Salary/Stipend**

Effective in the first pay period after contract ratification, the UW GME Stipend Schedule will be recalibrated with a two percent (2%) increase as shown below. Residents will receive the salary increase no later than the third pay period following ratification. The table below will be increased by an additional two percent (2%) on July 1, 2020. On July 1, 2021, the table will be increased by an additional two percent (2%).

	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8
	\$59,400	\$61,704	\$64,236	\$66,996	\$69,876	\$73,164	\$77,988	\$81,348
07-1-20	\$60,588	\$62,940	\$65,532	\$68,340	\$71,280	\$74,628	\$79,548	\$82,980
07-1-21	\$61,800	\$64,200	\$66,852	\$69,708	\$72,708	\$76,128	\$81,144	\$84,648

Beginning July 1, 2020

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07-1-20	\$86,796
07-1-21	\$88,536

**Section 1.2 Chief Resident Supplement**

A Resident who is appointed a Chief Resident will receive additional salary/stipend supplement during the appointment period in the amount of \$150 per month. Beginning July 1, 2020. A Resident who is appointed a Chief Resident will receive additional salary/stipend supplement during the appointment period in the amount of one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175) per month.

**Section 1.3 Home Call Stipend**

The parties recognize that Residents who train in certain programs must take call from home and report to these sites within times as short as 20 minutes. Other Residents have

<sup>1</sup> Starting training levels may vary for programs with alternative training pathways such as Pain Medicine, Clinical Informatics, Dermatology, Occupational Medicine, Critical Care Medicine, Sleep Medicine, Nuclear Medicine, Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, and Radiology fellowships.

<sup>2</sup> Residents who have previously completed clinical training experiences deemed relevant to the current training program may be eligible to receive a one-step stipend increase.



1 Risk or Jeopardy that require reporting to a site on short notice. Over the course of their  
2 training program, all Residents must report on short notice at some point. All Residents  
3 will receive a stipend annually in recognition of this training obligation. It will be paid as a  
4 lump sum in the first month of each academic year. The amounts of the stipend will be as  
5 follows:

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7 AY19 - \$1150

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9 Beginning July 1, 2020 - \$2400

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11 Nothing in this section will preclude individual programs from offering a higher home call  
12 stipend.

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14 **Section 2. Grant-Funded Stipends**

15 For part of their training period, Residents may be appointed to a position that is funded  
16 by a training grant or other source. During this period, Residents will receive a  
17 salary/stipend commensurate with the salary/stipend rate established for their training  
18 year according to the UW GME Stipend Schedule. For salary/stipend received under  
19 certain grants, no income taxes may be withheld. The implications on taxation and  
20 benefits may vary as described in the UW GME Residency and Fellowship Position  
21 Appointment Agreement.

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23 **Section 3. Federal/State Grants & Contracts**

24 Nothing in this Agreement may violate any provisions of any federal or state grants or  
25 contracts.

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27 **Section 4. Beginning July 1, 2020 – Travel Allowance:** Residents typically have no  
28 designated primary workplace, travel at irregular hours (when alternative sources of  
29 transportation may not be readily available) and may have assigned duties at several  
30 sites during the same rotation, thereby incurring related travel costs not incurred by  
31 others. In lieu of itemized reimbursement of travel costs, each Resident will receive a one  
32 hundred dollar (\$100) per year travel allowance. It will be paid as a lump sum in the first  
33 month of the resident’s academic year. Circumstances in which residents are on “travel  
34 status” as defined by University policy are not addressed by this travel allowance  
35 provision and are handled separately under university travel policies and procedures.

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37 **Section 5. Progression by Training Year**

38 The appointment level of a Resident varies by training year and may vary by training  
39 history of an individual Resident. Residents will be paid according to the training year in  
40 which they are participating in the UW training program, and Residents will not  
41 necessarily receive credit for prior training in a specialty that is not required for entry into  
42 the current program. Residents will receive credit for pay level progression for ACGME-  
43 required research training years, as well as program required non-ACGME research  
44 years. However, in some circumstances, Graduate-Year Level or PGY may vary from  
45 appointment level. Residents who transfer directly from one UW training program to  
46 another UW training program will be appointed to a level no less than one pay level below

- 1 their prior appointment. Programs may request a one-step stipend increase for
- 2 transferring residents at their discretion.

**Article 23: Subordination of Agreement and Authority**

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**1. Severability.** Should any part hereof or any provision herein contained be rendered or declared invalid by reason of any existing or subsequently enacted legislation or by any decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidation of such part or provision of this Agreement shall not invalidate the remaining portions hereof; provided, however, upon such invalidation the parties agree immediately to meet and negotiate such parts or provisions affected. The remaining parts or provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

**2. Authority.** This Agreement is intended to supersede and replace the Residency and Fellowship Position Appointment (“RFPA”) agreement on any subjects on which the Agreement and the RFPA conflict. The RFPA will remain in effect as an appointment agreement on subjects not covered by this Agreement. Nothing in this article should be construed to alter the parties’ bargaining obligations with respect to changes to mandatory or permissive subjects of bargaining.

**3. Adherence.** Nothing in this Agreement will be construed to modify or replace any state or national requirements for Resident training or board certification. The parties agree that such state or national requirements are not an appropriate subject for bargaining.

**Article 24: Transportation**

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3 **1. Parking During Normal Business Hours:** Residents will have access to parking at  
4 University of Washington Medical Center (UWMC-Montlake and UWMC-Northwest),  
5 Harborview Medical Center (HMC), Seattle Children’s Hospital (SCH), the VA Puget  
6 Sound Health Care System (VA), and other training sites. Parking at certain training sites  
7 will be provided at no charge; otherwise generally applicable rates will apply. Residents  
8 shall not be required to pay higher rates than other classified staff at the University.  
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10 **2. Changes to Parking Policies and Rates.** Changes to daily parking rates at UW  
11 Medicine sites cannot occur without notice and opportunity for impact bargaining. If the  
12 University makes a change to parking rates or policy that would require Residents to pay  
13 a higher rate than other classified staff at the University, the UWHA will be given notice  
14 and an opportunity to bargain the decision.  
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16 **3. Parking During Nights and Weekends:** Residents will have access to parking at no  
17 charge during nights and weekends at UWMC, HMC, SCH and the VA.  
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19 **4. On-Call Parking:** Residents will have access to parking at no charge when called into  
20 the hospital while on home-call. Details of this benefit may differ by location and can be  
21 found on the UW GME website.  
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23 **5. Multiple-Site Parking:** Residents who are required to travel to a second training site  
24 in the same day in order to attend conferences, education and administrative meetings,  
25 clinic or other clinical duties, will be provided with pre-paid parking or will be reimbursed  
26 by their program by submitting a receipt for parking at all subsequent sites , if parking  
27 fees are in effect .  
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29 **6. Travel Allowance:** Residents typically have no designated primary workplace, travel  
30 at irregular hours (when alternative sources of transportation may not be readily available)  
31 and may have assigned duties at several sites during the same rotation, thereby incurring  
32 related travel costs not incurred by others. In lieu of itemized reimbursement of travel  
33 costs, each Resident will receive a \$750 per year travel allowance. Circumstances in  
34 which residents are on “travel status” as defined by university policy are not addressed  
35 by this travel allowance provision and are handled separately under university travel  
36 policies and procedures. This section expires on June 30, 2020. As of July 1, 2020, please  
37 see Article 22 for details of the travel allowance.  
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39 **7. Shuttles:** Residents will have free access to UW shuttles including but not limited to  
40 Health Sciences Express, Night Ride, South Lake Union, and SCCA shuttles. The routes,  
41 schedules, types, and operation of shuttles will be determined by UW and available on  
42 the GME website.

1 Residents will have free access to shuttles provided by the Fred Hutchinson Center and  
2 the VA. The routes, schedules, types and operation of shuttles will be determined by  
3 those training sites.

4 Only Seattle Children's Hospital (SCH) badges are accepted on SCH shuttles with the  
5 exception of travel on the SCH shuttle between E-1 and U-link, which is also permitted by  
6 Husky Card.

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8 **8. U-PASS:** As of July 1, 2020, the Employer will provide residents with a fully-subsidized  
9 U-PASS. Activation and maintenance of this benefit are subject to UW Transportation  
10 Services requirements. Residents are responsible for ending payroll deductions. Payroll  
11 deductions will continue until residents notify Transportation Services via email or visit the  
12 office to sign a stop-deduction form. No refunds will be processed.

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14 **9. Bicycle Sustainability:** Residents who bike >80% of a quarter shall receive at the end  
15 of the quarter \$25 to apply towards bike maintenance to promote continued safe, reliable  
16 bicycle transportation. This section will expire on June 30, 2020. On July 1, 2020 the  
17 Employer will provide Residents a fully subsidized U-PASS in accordance with Section 8  
18 of this article.

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20 **10. Emergency/Safe Ride Home Program:** If a situation arises where a Resident feels  
21 unable to safely get home at the end of or during their shift due to extreme fatigue, illness,  
22 unsafe conditions, or the late hour, the Resident may use the Emergency/Safe Ride  
23 Home Program policy. This program provides transportation to the Resident's place of  
24 residence via rideshare or taxi from an approved training site and return to the training  
25 site to retrieve their vehicle. The GME Office will reimburse 100% of the fare (which does  
26 not include tip) within a reasonable time after receipt submission.

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28 **11. University Transportation Committee (UTC):** The University and the RFPU Board  
29 recognize the unique transportation challenges and limited flexibility of Residents, given  
30 the unique duty hours and unpredictability of the Resident schedule. To this end, the  
31 University is committed to considering the unique needs of Residents in the context of  
32 discussions regarding all modes of transportation used for commuting and University  
33 business, and will advocate for solutions that are responsive to those unique needs at the  
34 UTC, which is the primary venue for coordination of transportation issues on the Seattle  
35 Campus. The UTC will designate one (1) permanent position on the committee to a  
36 RFPU-endorsed Resident. A substitute may be designated by RFPU provided twenty-  
37 four (24) hours notice is given to the committee chairperson. Their appointment and term  
38 will be coordinated by the RFPU.

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40 **12. Alternative Transportation Incentive:** The University and the RFPU will assure its  
41 commitment to supporting alternative transportation options with the formation of a joint  
42 task force to develop a Bike Program. The University will support the mutually agreed  
43 upon Bike Program by making available \$50,000 per year. The program will provide free

1 helmets for all Resident bike riders (as defined by the task force), reimbursement for up  
2 to \$100 per year in bike maintenance costs, and a free annual membership to Pronto  
3 Cycle Share. The allocation of funds will be made by the parties. The final details of fund  
4 distribution will be provided by RFPU to the University each year. This section will expire  
5 on June 30, 2020. On July 1, 2020, the Employer will provide Residents a fully subsidized  
6 U-Pass in accordance with Section 8 of this article.

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8 **13. Notice:** The University agrees to inform the RFPU as soon possible after the  
9 University learns of any modifications to parking policies that may affect Residents. At  
10 sites operated by the University, the RFPU will have the option to bargain the impacts of  
11 any changes to parking policy that will affect Residents.

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13 **14. Away Rotation Reimbursement:** residents who are required to travel to away  
14 rotations more than 50 miles from their primary work site will be provided or reimbursed  
15 for lodging and mileage.

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**Article 25: Union Activities**

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3 **1. Email, Fax Machines, the Internet, and Intranets.** The Union and employees  
4 covered by this Agreement will not use state-owned or operated e-mail, fax machines,  
5 the internet, or internet networks to communicate with one another, except as provided in  
6 this agreement. Employees may use state operated e-mail to request union  
7 representation. The Union and its union delegates will not use the above referenced  
8 equipment in a manner that is prohibited by the Executive Ethics Board.

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10 Such use will:

- 11 a. Result in little or no cost to the Employer,
- 12 b. Be brief in duration and frequency;
- 13 c. Not interfere with the performance of their official duties;
- 14 d. Not distract from the conduct of state business;
- 15 e. Not disrupt other state employees and will not obligate other employees to
- 16 make a personal use of state resources;
- 17 f. Not compromise the security or integrity of state information or software; and
- 18 g. Not include general communication and/or solicitation with employees.

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20 Communication that occurs over state-owned equipment is the property of the Employer  
21 and may be subject to public disclosure.

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23 **2. Election Notification.** By July 1 of each contract year, the Union will provide GME  
24 and Labor Relations with an updated list of the newly elected RFPU Executive Board.

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26 **3. Staff Representatives.**

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28 a. The Union shall provide written notice to the Employer of any changes in staff  
29 representatives within thirty (30) calendar days of the change.
- 30 b. Staff representatives or employees of the RFPU will have access at reasonable  
31 times to those areas of any UW-affiliated work sites which are open to the  
32 general public, for the purpose of investigating disputes and contract  
33 compliance. Access to the premises shall not interfere with nor disturb  
34 employees in the performance of their work during working hours, and shall not  
35 interfere with patient care or normal operations.
- 36 c. Staff representatives or employees of the RFPU may access University  
37 premises to carry out representational activities. The representative shall notify  
38 local management prior to their arrival and shall not interrupt the normal  
39 operations of the institution. The staff representative may meet with bargaining  
40 unit employees in non-patient care areas. The Union may engage in  
41 conversations with employees, so long as an employee does not object and  
42 such conversation does not interfere or disturb the operation of the facility or  
43 compromise the security of patient health information.

1 **4. Bulletin Boards and Distribution of Union Material.** Upon request, space will be  
2 made available to the Union on a bulletin board at each UW Medicine site, for the  
3 posting of notices and information pertaining to official business of the Union.  
4 Materials posted on Union bulletin boards without the signature of a recognized Union  
5 officer or representative may be removed. Bulletin board access at non-UW Medicine  
6 sites will be made available as determined by the training site.  
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**Article 26: Duration**

This Agreement shall become effective upon ratification and remain in force through June 30, 2022. Provided that if this Agreement expires while negotiations between the parties are underway for a successor Agreement, the terms and conditions of this Agreement will remain in effect for a period not to exceed one (1) year from the expiration date.

Either party may request negotiation of a successor Agreement in writing no sooner than July 1, 2021. Should such notice be served, bargaining shall commence at a time agreed upon by the parties no sooner than January 1, 2022.

1                                    **Appendix I: MOU Washington State Medical Licenses**  
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3        **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON REIMBURSEMENT FOR WASHINGTON**  
4                                    **STATE MEDICAL LICENSES**  
5                                    **BETWEEN**  
6                                    **THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON**  
7                                    **AND**  
8                                    **THE RESIDENT AND FELLOW PHYSICIAN UNION**

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10                                    **MOU: Reimbursement for Washington State Medical Licenses**  
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12        The parties to this agreement are the University of Washington and the Resident and  
13        Fellow Physician Union. The parties agree as follows:  
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- 15                    1. New Residents and Fellows who are members of the collective bargaining unit  
16                    will be reimbursed for the cost of their Washington state medical license,  
17                    regardless of whether they incurred the expense before or after their initial  
18                    appointment start date.
- 19                    2. Reimbursement may only be requested by collective bargaining unit members  
20                    after they are officially employees of the University of Washington, which is on or  
21                    after their appointment start date.
- 22                    3. Reimbursement will only be available to collective bargaining unit members who  
23                    obtained required licensure for activities specific to their University of Washington  
24                    residency or fellowship program.

**Appendix II: MOU 2019-2020 Home Call Stipend**

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON  
AND  
THE RESIDENT AND FELLOW PHYSICIAN UNION**

**MOU: 2019-2020 HOME CALL STIPEND**

During negotiations for the 2019-2022 successor agreement, the parties reached agreement on the following Home Call Stipend payment:

On July 10, 2020, the Employer will provide each Resident with a six hundred dollar (\$600.00) home call stipend payment.

In order to be eligible to receive the stipend payment, an employee must be in pay status in the pay period associated with the distribution and have been appointed in AY20.

This MOU expires upon payment of the lump sum.

**Appendix III: MOU Ratification Lump Sum**

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON  
AND  
THE RESIDENT AND FELLOW PHYSICIAN UNION**

**MOU: RATIFICATION LUMP SUM**

During negotiations for the 2019-2022 successor agreement, the parties reached agreement on the following regarding a ratification lump sum payment:

On July 10, 2020, the Employer will provide each Resident with a twelve hundred and fifty dollar (\$1,250.00) lump sum payment.

In order to be eligible to receive the lump sum payment, and employee must be in pay status in the pay period associated with the distribution and have been appointed in AY20.

This MOU expires upon payment of the lump sum.

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**Side Letter A: Communication**

The parties agree to add the following language to Article 5 Dues Deductions and RFPU Membership during the compilation of the final collective bargaining agreement:

The employer will provide the union with a list of all known non-state operated emails and phone numbers for all incoming bargaining unit members by May of each year, before they start employment.

This side letter will expire upon incorporation of the above language into Article 5 Dues Deductions and RFPU Membership.

**Side Letter B: Scheduling**

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**Schedule Release:** Yearly block schedules, including identification of months that will have call or jeopardy responsibilities, must be distributed no later than the beginning of the academic year. Exclusive of the first block of the academic year, complete schedules, including specific shifts, call and clinic schedules, and days off, must be provided no later than 30 days in advance of the rotation start date. GME strongly encourages distribution of complete schedules 60 days prior to the rotation start date for those programs with capacity to do so. Last minute changes should be communicated to Residents directly and promptly after the release of the schedule, with a notification to the program director and affected faculty.

**Signatories**

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The parties, by their signatures below, accept and agree to the terms and conditions of this collective bargaining agreement.

Executed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

Resident and Fellow Physician Union:

University of Washington:

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Alex Adami  
Lead Negotiator

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Mindy Kornberg  
Vice President for Human  
Resources

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Banks Evans  
Vice President for Human  
Resources

Approved as to form:

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Attorney General