

2026 Graduate Medical Education - Statement of Understanding (DEFERRED)

NAME (PRINT) _____

- a) Individuals applying for active duty (AD) training in other than Air Force (AF) medical facilities will be considered for AF or other DoD training programs before being considered for civilian sponsorship. AF members cannot give final acceptance to a program offer until official written notification of final selection for that program is provided by the AF. AF members choosing civilian programs with rotations away from the primary teaching facility may be required to participate in these rotations at their own expense.
- b) Deferred physicians who are NOT selected for continued training will be required to enter AD at the end of their current training program to begin serving their active duty obligation. They may apply to subsequent Joint Graduate Medical Education (GME) Selection Boards (JGMESB) for further GME though selection is NOT assured.
- c) I understand if I am selected for and subsequently enter a GME program under AF sponsorship, in either a military or civilian facility, I will incur an active duty service commitment (ADSC) for education and training. This ADSC is computed in accordance with the DAFMAN 36-2139, *Active Duty Service Commitments and Reserve Service Commitments*, or other applicable policy, in effect at the time my training program will commence. I will receive written notification of my selection status and projected ADSC following completion of the JGMESB. I further understand I have a personal responsibility to review and verify my ADSC in accordance with applicable AF Instructions.
- d) I understand and specifically acknowledge that I must possess a current, valid, unrestricted state medical license no later than **15 March of my second postgraduate year (PGY2)** and maintain the license during residency and post-residency transition. The medical license can be from any US jurisdiction (i.e., any state or federal district).
- e) If I am in my first post graduate year (PGY1), I will take USMLE/COMLEX Step/Level 3 no later than **15 March of my PGY1**. If selected for training, I must complete all academic requirements of my current internship program, before I will be authorized release to a new training program. I understand that my selection for GME is contingent upon providing Physician Education a passing USMLE/COMLEX Step/Level 3 score.
- f) If I am in my PGY2 year, I will include USMLE/COMLEX Step/Level 3 results in my JGMESB application package by the **15 October** deadline.
- g) In accordance with AFI 44-102, Section 2.27, I understand that I am prohibited from pursuing off-duty employment (i.e., moonlighting) while in training. Physician Education has the authority to remove me from training in the event off-duty employment occurs.
- h) If I am selected for training in civilian sponsored status, I will be on AD under the command/control of AFIT. I am prohibited from receiving a salary, stipend, or other monetary awards, other than my AD entitlements.
- i) I understand, if I am selected by the JGMESB, I will be required to work in a clinical capacity (in the specialty to which I trained) for at least two years after GME completion, unless the AF/SG waives this requirement due to the needs of the AF mission.
- j) In the event I am selected for civilian deferred or sponsored training, I will only apply for or accept training through the NRMP / civilian match process in a specialty and length of training as approved by the JGMESB.
- k) If I have any questions regarding special pays and if the ADSC associated with this GME training will affect my pay, I will contact the Total Force Service Center at 1-800-525-0102 and ask for Medical Special Pays. If selected for GME, my training ADSC will be calculated by the Physician Education office.

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____