# THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

# SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES

# Department of Critical Care Medicine

**Policy:** Quality Improvement and Patient Safety

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**PURPOSE:**

To ensure that fellows of The George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences participate in Quality Improvement/Patient Safety activities as part of their educational program.

**DEFINITION:**

In accordance with ACMGE Common Program Requirements, residents must “systematically analyze practice using quality improvement methods, and implement changes with the goal of practice improvement.” As such, “the program director must ensure that residents/fellows are integrated and actively participate in interdisciplinary clinical quality improvement and patient safety programs.”

Quality Improvement/Patient Safety activities include but are not limited to the following:

* Quality Improvement/Patient Safety Conferences
* Participation in institutional Quality Improvement/Patient Safety and related committees
* Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) Patient Safety Course
* Grand Rounds
* Patient Satisfaction Surveys
* Core Measures
* Utilization Management
* Scholarly activity resulting in implementation of initiatives to improve patient quality and safety of care

**SCOPE:**

This policy applies to all fellows in the Program in Critical Care Medicine.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Fellows must demonstrate attendance, and complete the associated IHI Online Modules, for each QI/PS Core GME session once during their fellowship.
2. Fellows must attend the Core GME session on reporting of patient safety events held during the academic year.
3. Fellow must participate in Quality Improvement / Patient Safety project in the ICU by the end of their fellowship in order to achieve a Level 4 Milestone in Quality Improvement and be eligible to complete the training program.
4. Each critical care fellow is expected to participate in one of the following committees whose focus are quality improvement:
   1. Critical Care Committee
   2. CLABSI Committee
   3. Hand Hygene Committee
   4. HAPU Committee
   5. VAE Committee
   6. Hospital IT Committee
   7. Any other Committee whose focus is quality and/or safety

**REPORTING:**

The program director will provide, in the GME annual program report or upon request, information to GME regarding resident participation in Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Initiatives.