

The University of Texas Medical School at Houston

GMEC POLICY STATEMENT – Risk Management Education (RME)

Effective: July 1, 2010

Requirement and Process:

All residents and fellows covered by the UT System Professional Medical Liability Benefit Plan (Plan) are required to complete five (5) hours of Risk Management Education (RME) each year as a condition of coverage under the Plan. For purposes of this policy, a year shall correspond with the residents/fellows appointment agreement with the UT System Medical Foundation.

To meet this requirement, residents and fellows must take online courses provided by UT System.

The on-line course:

- The RME courses use actual cases to teach physicians to identify and manage medical-legal risk.
- Each course is worth 1.75 hours RME and CME credit.
- Residents and fellows new to the UT System Medical Foundation must complete a specialty-specific Standard of Care unit worth 1 hour. Any excess credits earned do not roll over into the new year.
- Once the specialty-specific Standard of Care course has been completed, residents/fellows may select courses from the menu offered in subsequent years.
- Credits earned through the on-line courses qualify for continuing medical education (CME) credit for residents and fellows with a Texas Medical License.

Compliance:

Failure to comply with the RME requirements results in a report of institutional non-compliance to the UT System Medical Liability Management Committee.

Time Frame:

The required five (5) hours of RME must be completed within ninety (90) days of a residents/fellows appointment date as reflected on his/her appointment agreement. Failure to complete the RME by the deadline will result in residents/fellows being removed from service until such training is completed.

Course Access:

To access the courses:

- Users new to ELM will receive the link to the RME site and their PLI ID number from their department RME coordinator along with a temporary password of “elm123” which will then require the creation of a personal password.
- Users that have previously logged on to ELM prior to July 1, 2008 and have already completed courses should enter their username that was previously created (usually an email address) and password.

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