

RESIDENT'S ORIENTATION HANDBOOK



**Guide to Core Competencies,
Duty Hours, Evaluations, and
Documentation**

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This is one of the most important phases of your professional career. Because you will be pressed for time during your residency, the purpose of this manual is to present as much of the information you will need about the policies and procedures of your training program as we could compress into a small booklet.

The following sections focus on the expectations of your training program, and on the role you play in helping to keep your program running smoothly. Many residents do not realize the extremely important role that they play in helping their residency programs maintain accreditation and achieve excellence and recognition from national accreditation agencies. This booklet will inform you of the rules and regulations that your residency program must follow to maintain accreditation. It will also explain what will be expected of you throughout your residency in regard to work-hour compliance, program evaluations, legal documentation, and core competency evaluation. We hope you will find it helpful throughout your program.

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