Name: INSTITUTIONAL COMMITMENT TO GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

Policy: St. Christopher's Hospital for Children (SCHC) and its Board of Governors commit to the sponsorship of superior programs in health care, education, and research. The strategy is to fully integrate medical education in SCHC's clinical settings in order to continuously improve the patient care rendered and to maximize the effectiveness of academic preparation of physicians-in-training.

Quality graduate medical education and the provision of an appropriate academic Environment in which excellence in medical care and superior educational activities can be practiced are integral parts of SCHC's commitment.

To this goal, SCHC supports its medical staff and graduate medical education programs and assures that those programs meet or exceed the general and special requirements of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) and its Residency Review Committees (RRCs).

PROCEDURES:

SCHC accomplishes this policy through the on-going allocation of resources necessary to provide for at least the following:

1. An organized administrative structure designed to oversee the proper conduct of all sponsored programs in graduate medical education;
2. The establishment of policies, which shall guide these educational programs in a progressive manner while ensuring compliance with all legal and regulatory requirements;
3. The establishment of an academic curriculum, which provides for an appropriate balance between scholarly pursuit and practical experience;
4. Organizational linkages and affiliations which, through collaboration, make available enhanced opportunities for the growth and development of the resident physician;
5. An institution which meets the standards for patient care promulgated by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals and Other Health Care Organizations (JCAHO) and other nationally recognized bodies;
6. The conduct of a formal process for the assurance of quality and the sustained improvement of organizational performance;
7. Compliance with the policies and procedures of the ACGME such that full accreditation is maintained;
8. The provision of adequate financial resources such that a progressive compensation and benefits structure can be offered and preserved;
9. The allocation of sufficient funds such that a reasonable budget can be adopted, and the development of a strategic financial plan such that the future viability of the educational programs can be assured, including their integral scholarly and other research activities.