



*Conditions of Employment  
& Benefits Information for  
Clinical Trainees  
Main Campus Market*

*2025-2026  
Graduate Medical Education*

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## Introduction

The purpose of this Conditions of Employment & Benefits Booklet is to describe the conditions of employment and benefits package offered to clinical trainees within the Main Campus Clinical Market as well as outline present day information, requirements and policies at Cleveland Clinic. All benefits offered to clinical trainees are developed and implemented by the Cleveland Primary Clinical Learning Environment Committee (PCLEC) / Graduate Medical Education Council (GMEC). While every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the information presented in this booklet, it is possible that changes will be made to some of the policies after its publication. Cleveland Clinic Institutional and GMEC policies will take precedence over those in this publication in matters of arbitration. To keep you current, any changes or revisions will be communicated on the intranet site <https://portals.ccf.org/gme/> as they are implemented. Please note that this intranet site is only accessible when on the Cleveland Clinic network.

Cleveland Clinic maintains a drug-free, alcohol-free, tobacco-free work environment. Cleveland Clinic also promotes an inclusive organizational culture through diversity education, consultation and programs that leverage differences to enhance innovation, quality of care, teamwork and economic impact. Further, it is our policy to encourage all vendors, contractors and others doing business with the Cleveland Clinic, to adhere to these same principles.

As you read through this booklet, if you have any questions that have not been answered, please feel free to contact the Central Graduate Medical Education Department ([meded@ccf.org](mailto:meded@ccf.org)).

NOTICE: Candidates who are appointed to Cleveland Clinic must attend a scheduled GME Orientation PRIOR to beginning your training program. Please review and follow the detailed information and instructions provided on our GME website (<http://portals.clevelandclinic.org/gme>).

*\*Any reference in this booklet to “clinical trainee”, “trainee”, “caregiver”, or “employee” includes residents and fellows.*

*\*\* The benefits outlined apply to Trainees at Main Campus. Trainees at Fairview Hospital, South Pointe Hospital, Akron and Florida locations may be subject to varied benefits offered at their specific hospital locations. Please reach out to your Program Coordinator for benefit information.*

## Equal Opportunity Employment Statement

Cleveland Clinic is committed to diversity and inclusion. We provide equal opportunity across all employment practices including recruitment, selection, training, promotion, transfer and compensation, without regard to age, gender, race, national origin, religion, creed, color, citizenship status, physical or mental disability, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status, genetic information, ethnicity, ancestry, veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state or local law (“protected categories”). In addition, Cleveland Clinic administers all personnel actions without regard to disability and provides reasonable accommodations for otherwise qualified disabled individuals.

Discrimination or harassment based on any of the protected categories will not be tolerated and is cause for disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment. To maintain our

culture of integrity, we also encourage the reporting of concerns without fear of retaliation. Cleveland Clinic will not retaliate against any caregiver who in good faith has made a complaint based on a reasonable belief that the law or a Cleveland Clinic policy has been violated, or for assisting with or participating in an investigation or exercising any employment right protected by law. Any caregiver who believes he or she has been discriminated or retaliated against should report it to his or her manager, to any member of Cleveland Clinic's management, or to his or her Human Resources or Professional Staff Affairs representative. Cleveland Clinic will investigate these complaints and take appropriate corrective actions.

## **Graduate Medical Education Mission and Vision**

**Mission:** The enterprise Graduate Medical Education (GME) Department at Cleveland Clinic is dedicated to the continuous improvement, oversight and support of trainees and their programs. The enterprise GME Department fosters future leaders in the practice, scholarship, and teaching of healthcare. We are committed to creating an environment where people feel valued and respected within the GME community and assuring compliance with regulatory standards. We train the caregiver of the future to better serve our community and the world.

**Vision:** For Cleveland Clinic to be the best place to train as a clinician and researcher.

## **Conditions of Employment**

### **Eligibility**

**Recruitment:** Recruitment efforts shall be directed toward and appointments offered only to those candidates who meet the eligibility requirements for appointment to residency or fellowship training.

Applicants with one of the following qualifications are eligible to be considered for training at Cleveland Clinic:

- Graduates of medical schools in the United States and Canada accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME)
- Graduates of Osteopathic medicine in the United States accredited by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA)
- Graduates of medical schools outside the United States or Canada who meet one of the following:
  - Received a currently valid certificate from the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG)
  - Holds a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in a United States licensing jurisdiction in his/her current ACGME specialty/subspecialty program
- Fellows who meet the prerequisite training and documentation requirements to be considered for training in a non-standard (non-accredited) fellowship
- Fellows must have completed ACGME prerequisite training to be considered for training in an accredited fellowship
  - If a trainee who holds a valid ECFMG certificate does not meet the requirements listed above, he or she may be considered an "exceptional candidate" based on specific criteria outlined in the subspecialty requirements and only if the individual RC allows exceptions to the general eligibility requirements. Please refer to the Graduate Medical Education Council Eligibility Procedure located on [Connect Today](#) (intranet site) for details.

## **Nonsmoking Hiring Policy**

Cleveland Clinic has implemented a nicotine screening policy requiring all job applicants and individuals receiving appointments to take a cotinine test during their pre-placement physical exam. This is a pre-employment test only. The cotinine test will detect the presence of nicotine in all forms of tobacco.

If you test positive for nicotine but agree to stop using nicotine (in any form), you will be allowed to start work and re-tested within 90 days. However, if your nicotine re-test is positive, your employment will be terminated at that time. You will be eligible to re-apply after one year. This is at the discretion of the program director should the position remain open. Please refer to the Non-Smoking Policy [here](#).

## **Anesthesiology Department: Notice of Substance Abuse Prevention Program**

The Anesthesiology Department is fully committed to patient safety and employee well-being. As part of this commitment, a Substance Abuse Prevention Program (SAPP) has been established. Candidates in the residency and fellowship training programs in the Anesthesiology Department and the Anesthesiology residency at South Pointe Hospital are required to participate in SAPP. As a condition of employment, all clinical trainees must agree to participate in the SAPP and to abide by the terms of the Substance Abuse Policy. Occupational Health Services or the SAPP Coordinator will perform all testing outlined in the protocol. Occupational Health Service or the SAPP Coordinator will distribute the Anesthesiology Department Pre-Hire Consent Form and the Policy Statement during the clinical trainees initial Occupational Health Screening (pre-employment testing). An Occupational Health employee or SAPP Coordinator will be the witness to the Pre-Hire Consent Form and this form will be filed in the clinical trainees Occupational Health record. If you have any issues regarding the Policy or Consent, please speak with the Anesthesiology Department's SAPP/Substance Abuse Prevention Program Director or Coordinator.

The policy is outlined as follows:

- Required drug screen testing (pre-hire testing, random testing, reasonable suspicion for cause testing, return to duty testing)
- Controlled substances that will be tested (pre-hire, random testing, reasonable suspicion for cause testing) will be identified for participants
- Anesthesia chain of custody drug screen collection protocol (collection procedures) will be explained

The components of the program encompass increased education on prevention, recognition and risk of substance abuse and include:

1. Screening of all new clinical trainees potential employees in anesthesia
2. Pre-hire drug screens
3. Random toxicology screens after primary hiring
4. "For cause" drug screens if indicated
5. Return to duty testing following a violation of alcohol or controlled substance use policies if indicated

During training, all house staff in Anesthesiology will be subject to random drug screening and confidential evaluation of any positive tests will be a condition of continued employment.

## Expanded Random Drug Testing Program

Cleveland Clinic retains the right to subject you to random toxicology screens after initial hiring. Cleveland Clinic is committed to patient safety and caregiver health. As part of our pledge to deliver safe, reliable care, we recognize that impairment caused by drug abuse adversely impacts caregivers and patients. Beginning January 1, 2016, Cleveland Clinic implemented an Expanded Drug Testing Program (EDT) that requires participation of all caregivers. This was an expansion of the previous random drug testing programs and our commitment to a drug-free workplace. Cleveland Clinic is committed to a testing process that is respectful, fair and non-disruptive to patient care. The intent of this program is to improve early detection and treatment of those who abuse substances and to reduce the incidence of dependency, abuse and misuse of substances that may be readily accessible to healthcare workers. Cleveland Clinic supports the Department of Health and Human Services' recommendation, advocating random drug testing of all healthcare professionals. More information on the Expanded Random Drug Testing Program.

## Licensure Information

The State of Ohio requires clinical trainees to have either a Permanent Ohio Medical License or a Temporary Training Certificate. Applying and renewing of licensure is the clinical trainee's responsibility. Clinical trainees will be required to maintain licensure throughout their training program. Failure to maintain licensure will result in the inability to work and may result in termination of employment.

The State Medical Board of Ohio will contact the clinical trainee directly via email. The clinical trainee must provide GME a copy before they can start their training. If the Ohio Board does not issue a training certificate before the time a clinical trainee is scheduled to start training, they will issue the clinical trainee an acknowledgment letter. This letter will permit a clinical trainee to begin their training program while their application is in process. A similar letter is available for permanent licensure applicants – please contact the State Medical Board of Ohio (<http://www.med.ohio.gov>) for this letter.

Clinical trainees are required to notify their Program Director of any communication from the State Medical Board of Ohio during the application process (for either a Training Certificate or Permanent Licensure) that will delay or prevent issuance of a Permanent License or Training Certificate. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action, termination of employment and/or rescission of the trainee's appointment.

Permanent Licensure: To be eligible the State Medical Board of Ohio requires:

- U.S. medical school graduates to complete one year of U.S. or Canadian accredited graduate medical education
- International medical school graduates to complete two years of U.S. or Canadian accredited graduate medical education.
- In addition, all 3 steps of USMLE must have been passed within a 10-year period from the date of the first exam passed. Information on Permanent Licensure may be obtained by contacting the State Medical Board of Ohio at 614-466-3934; 30<sup>th</sup> East Broad Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215 or visiting their website <http://www.med.ohio.gov>.

If a clinical trainee is joining an advanced fellowship, their program may require a permanent license, please check with the Program Coordinator; the Office of Professional Staff Affairs (OPSA) handles credentialing of Limited Clinical Practitioner (LCP).

### Nonimmigrant Status/Visa Supported by Cleveland Clinic for Residency/Fellowship

- H-1B Temporary Worker (requires passing USMLE Steps 1, 2 and 3\*)
- J-1 Exchange Visitor in the Alien Physician category (sponsored by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates-ECFMG).
- F-1/J-1 Students: If you are graduating from a U.S. medical school or graduate program (MPH), you may be eligible to use your post-graduate employment authorization (OPT for F-1, Practical Training for J-1) to start your residency program. Please contact the International Office at your university for more information.

### Nonimmigrant Status/Visa NOT Supported by Cleveland Clinic for Residency/Fellowship

- Cleveland Clinic does not support O-1 petitions for residency programs. Fellowship applicants wishing O-1 status are reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
- Residency and fellowship appointments are not eligible for immigrant worker sponsorship (permanent resident/green card) because they are considered temporary positions. Residents/fellows are free to explore their personal options by consulting with an immigration attorney.

\*USMLE Step 3 scores must be received by April 15<sup>th</sup> in the academic year for which you are appointed. This applies to all PGY levels.

## Benefits

### Health Plan Options

Cleveland Clinic provides two health plan options. Caregivers can choose to enroll in either **EHP** or **EHP Plus**. The plans are administered by Aetna, and the benefit coverage is the same for both plans. The difference between the two plans is the *network* of providers and your premium *cost*. The two health plan options are summarized below.

1. **EHP** – The EHP option includes the Cleveland Clinic Quality Alliance (QA) network and the Florida Clinically Integrated Network (CIN). These networks include Cleveland Clinic facilities and employed physicians as well as contracted facilities in Ohio and Florida. **If you elect this plan, you must use providers from this provider network.**

The EHP plan is supplemented with Aetna providers in the following specialties from the seven counties surrounding our Florida hospitals: Allergy, Behavior Health, Chiropractic, Dermatology, Endocrinology, Nutritionist, OB-GYN/Obstetrics, Ophthalmology, Otolaryngology (ENT), Oral Surgery, Pain Management, Pediatrics and Podiatry. The seven counties include Brevard, Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade.



2. **EHP Plus** – The EHP Plus option gives members access to the providers available in the EHP plan (above), **plus** Aetna’s Open Access Select network, which includes providers nationwide.

Providers not covered under EHP and EHP Plus: University Hospital Health System, Summa Health System, Aultman Hospital, and their affiliates are not in-network with either EHP or EHP Plus. However, in case of an emergency, services will be covered. For transfer from a non-CCHS facility, call the transport line at 866.721.9803. For more information, please refer to the notification and transfer guidelines outlined in the health plan Summary Plan Description (SPD). Before choosing your plan confirm that all your providers participate in that network.

Trainees hired on or after Jan. 1, 2025, will pay the same premiums as all other caregivers (outside of current eligible trainees) and have the option to participate in the health plan’s Healthy Choice program to earn a discount on their health plan premiums.

### **Life & Accident Insurance**

Cleveland Clinic provides three employer-paid life insurance policies that become effective on your start date:

1. Group Term Life Insurance – 1.0x base annual pay (max of \$500,000);
2. Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance – 1.0x base annual pay (max of \$500,000);
3. Business Travel Accident Insurance – 3.0x base annual pay (max of \$2,000,000) while traveling on official Cleveland Clinic business to a non-routine work location.

Additionally, Cleveland Clinic provides caregivers the option of purchasing supplemental life insurance and dependent life insurance on a self-pay basis.

### **Disability**

Cleveland Clinic provides disability coverage to trainees upon date of hire at no cost to the trainee. If a trainee is on an authorized medical leave of absence, medical leave benefits pay 100% of salary for up to 90 days. If a medical condition continues beyond 90 days, a trainee may be eligible to receive the long-term disability benefit, which provides 60% of salary up to a maximum benefit of \$15,000 per month.

As a Cleveland Clinic trainee, you also have the unique opportunity to supplement your group long-term disability plan with an individual disability policy. This opportunity is medically guaranteed and requires no health questions or medical exams. The Guaranteed Standard Issue (GSI) program allows you to apply for a monthly disability benefit of up to \$7,500, depending on your years of training, with options to increase up to a maximum benefit of \$15,000/month. This coverage protects you in your specialty with enhanced true own occupation contractual language and offers the option for student loan protection along with several additional benefits. This policy and the discounted rates are fully portable once you leave your Cleveland Clinic training program. You have the option to enroll in the GSI program any time during your training, or up



to three months after. A trainee may not qualify for this individual GSI program if they have received a modified or declined offer of coverage more than 9 months after their date of hire.

For more information or questions, please contact:

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Additional benefits to those that are listed below can be found in the Graduate Physicians Manual, located on the homepage of the education website and in the My Pay + Benefits Highlights for Main Campus Residents & Fellows (<https://my.clevelandclinic.org/departments/graduate-medical-education/benefits>).

### **Vision Insurance**

There are two vision plan options administered by EyeMed. The Basic and Enhanced Vision Plans provide a benefit for either eyeglasses (frames & lenses) or contact lenses once per calendar year. Additional eyewear can be purchased at a discount. Benefits under each plan are maximized when EyeMed Access Network providers are used. A full directory of providers can be found at [www.eyemedvisioncare.com](http://www.eyemedvisioncare.com).

### **Dental Insurance**

There are four dental plan options administered by Cigna.

#### **Cigna Dental HMO**

- Narrowest network – you can only utilize Cigna Dental Care Access Plus DHMO providers such as Aspen Dental, Hudec Dental and Bright Now. Cleveland Clinic and Mercy dental providers are not included in this plan.
- Includes coverage for routine cleanings/x-rays, restorative care and adult/child orthodontia.

#### **Preventative Dental Plan**

- Includes coverage for routine cleanings/x-rays and minor restorative care such as fillings
- Does not cover major restorative care or orthodontia

#### **Traditional Dental Plan**

- Includes coverage for routine cleanings/x-rays, minor/major restorative care and child orthodontia (up to age 23)

### Enhanced Dental Plan

- Includes coverage for routine cleanings/x-rays, minor/major restorative care and adult/child orthodontia
- Highest annual maximum benefit

A directory of Cigna providers can be found at [www.cigna.com](http://www.cigna.com) or by calling 800-244-6224.

### Schroh Loan Program

An emergency loan fund is available for clinical trainees, not to exceed \$4,800. Outstanding loans must be paid in full before a new loan may be requested. Loans must be paid in full when clinical trainees leave the Cleveland Clinic. Loan Repayment Options:

- 6 months: 12 equal payments (up to \$400/pay for a \$4,800 loan)
- 1 year: 24 equal payments (up to \$200/pay for a \$4,800 loan)
- 2 years: 48 equal payments (up to \$100/pay for a \$4,800 loan)
- 2 years with deferral: 1<sup>st</sup> year payment deferred, 2<sup>nd</sup> year 24 equal payments (up to \$200/pay for a \$4,800 loan)

### Professional Liability Coverage Malpractice Insurance

Cleveland Clinic provides professional liability coverage for all clinical trainees while working within the confines of the Cleveland Clinic training programs. This insurance provides coverage for acts or omissions that occur during the course and scope of performing professional responsibilities as an employed clinical trainee of Cleveland Clinic. Outside rotations at participating sites that are a required component of the training program are included and covered under the professional liability coverage offered by Cleveland Clinic. International elective rotations are also covered by Cleveland Clinic professional liability coverage. Elective rotations outside of Cleveland Clinic, are not covered by Cleveland Clinic professional liability coverage. Upon completion of the training program, this professional liability coverage remains in effect for any litigation that may arise from incidents that occurred while the clinical trainee was here in training. The clinical trainee does not have to purchase any “tail” coverage when they leave. For more information, refer to the Enterprise Risk & Insurance website. After the clinical trainee leaves the Clinic, verification of professional liability insurance or claims history can be obtained via written request only by emailing Tracy Brockway at [brockwt@ccf.org](mailto:brockwt@ccf.org)

### Travel Benefit

Cleveland Clinic strongly encourages our residents and fellows to participate in scholarly/research activities, which are mandatory in many training programs. The Education Foundation, with the recommendation of the Graduate Medical Education Council (GMEC), has set aside funds to allow clinical trainees at a PGY2 or above level in our GME training programs to qualify for one annual sponsored trip with a maximum reimbursement of \$2500.00. Additional meeting time may be granted during the year at the program’s discretion. The expenses for additional approved meetings will be covered either by the trainee or by the training program. Please refer to department policies and procedures for further information. GME sponsored travel is a privilege, not a right. Residents and fellows are expected to be good stewards of the institution’s resources and to treat funds as if they were personal resources.

## **Educational Allowance**

Cleveland Clinic GME will provide each clinical trainee an annual academic year educational allowance of \$1,000 for the purpose of enhancing their learning experience. These expenses must be for the clinical trainee.

Funding for the GME educational allowance will be issued concurrent with the trainee's academic year and must be spent on items purchased during that year. An academic year begins on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the training appointment and remains in effect for the duration of their training.

Educational allowance balances do not rollover from one academic year to the next, and any unused fund are forfeited at the end of an individual trainee's academic year.

All expenses must comply with the established [Travel & Employee Expense Standard Operating Procedure](#) in addition to the rules and regulations established in this policy. Trainees are responsible for submitting their educational allowance expenses for reimbursement using the Cleveland Clinic expense reporting tool, Oracle Expense.

*The annual GME educational allowance applies to all clinical trainees under Main Campus Sponsorship. Trainees at Fairview and South Pointe Hospital are subject to different processing protocols at their specific hospital locations. Departments/Training Programs may provide additional educational funds outside of this policy.*

Please contact GME at [gmerimbursement@ccf.org](mailto:gmerimbursement@ccf.org) with any questions.

## **Graduate Medical Education at Cleveland Clinic GME Department**

Providing a quality educational experience to our clinical trainees/research fellows is our number one job, which is why our Graduate Medical Education caregivers are committed to ensuring that our training programs meet or exceed national and institutional standards. The GME Department helps in the following areas:

- Administration: oversees and monitors program accreditation and all institutional policies affecting GME programs.
- Human Resources: recruit trainees, administer payroll, authorize benefits and verify employment as well as perform other HR-related functions.
- Customer Service: resource center for questions about graduate medical education.
- Notary: this service is provided free of charge.

## **Clinical Trainee Work Environment**

Graduate Medical Education at Cleveland Clinic is committed to promoting a learning environment where patient safety and clinical trainee wellbeing are of paramount importance. Education of clinical trainees must occur in an environment in which they are able to raise and resolve issues without fear of intimidation or retaliation. An organizational system for clinical trainees to communicate and exchange information about their work environment and their programs will be provided in a confidential and protected manner. This may be accomplished through direct communication with the Program Director, Chief Resident, Faculty or with the

Medical Director or the Senior Directors of Enterprise Graduate Medical Education and/or through the House Staff Association.

The following services are provided to support the environment in which clinical trainees work and maximize the educational value of the time spent in clinical activities. Please refer to your institution's Benefit Booklet for details on how to access these services.

- a. Food Services: Clinical trainees on duty must have access to adequate and appropriate food services. Clinical trainees who are required to be in-house overnight call are provided with on-call meals.
- b. Call Rooms: Cleveland Clinic maintains on-call rooms for clinical trainees who are on in-house overnight call. Any clinical trainee required to be in-house must have access to a call room.
- c. Caring For Caregivers/Employee Assistance Programs: Cleveland Clinic and the Education Foundation are committed to the wellbeing of clinical trainees and understand how personal and work stresses can impact your quality of life and ability to provide skillful and compassionate care. The Caring for Caregivers Programs offer expert, confidential and free support through various referrals and resources. To learn more, seek assistance confidentially, schedule an appointment or speak to a counselor immediately, call 216-445-6970. For additional information, refer to [Caring for Caregivers](#) (intranet site).
- d. Laboratory/Pathology/Radiology Services: There are laboratory, pathology, and radiology services to support timely and quality patient care in all training programs. This includes 24-hour retrievals of laboratory, pathology, and radiology information via electronic or online systems. All clinical trainees have access to this patient information through EPIC.
- e. Support Services: Patient support services, such as intravenous services, phlebotomy services, and patient transportation services are provided to all clinical trainees and training programs.
- f. Medical Records: Cleveland Clinic utilizes EPIC System's electronic medical record (EMR). There are several components to the Epic System software that include an outpatient electronic medical record (EpicCare) and an inpatient electronic medical record (Epic Inpatient) as well as a scheduling/registration, patient access and inpatient pharmacy. These integrated components are accessed through a single MyPractice/Epic Systems login screen. Providers use EPIC to document each patient's illness, treatment and care; the EMR is available at all times except during scheduled downtimes. The system supports quality patient care, the education of clinical trainees, quality assurance activities, and provides a resource for scholarly activity.
- g. Security/Safety: Appropriate security and personal safety measures are provided to clinical trainees at all Cleveland Clinic locations including but not limited to parking facilities, on-call quarters, hospital and institutional grounds, and related clinical facilities. Cleveland Clinic has a safety and security program that conforms to all applicable local, state and federal safety and health standards, fire codes and environmental regulations. Security is provided by the Cleveland Clinic Police Department. Personal security escorts are provided by contacting the Cleveland Clinic Police Department for trainees who are concerned about displacement on campus.
- h. Transportation: Training programs offer a taxi service for clinical trainees who may be too fatigued to safely return home. The taxi services are reimbursable through each

department. Clinical trainees in need of this service should contact their Chief Resident, Program Coordinator or Program Director for more information.

- i. Space: Cleveland Clinic offers conference rooms with AV equipment, computers, and access to library material. Programs also provide workspace areas for trainees in their programs, please contact the Program Coordinator regarding what is available in the clinical area.
- j. Simulation and Advanced Skills Center: Cleveland Clinic has a 10,000-square-foot multidisciplinary Simulation and Advanced Skills Center which is open to physicians, nurses, clinical trainees and allied health professionals. Simulation-based education offers education and training for clinical trainees and other healthcare providers in a low stress, risk-free environment with the goal of promoting active, hands-on learning opportunities and delivering quality patient care. The Simulation and Advanced Skills Center has a focus on skill building in teamwork and communication. The Center offers some of the newest simulation technology, including a patient simulator that responds to drugs; a fully functional OR equipped with oxygen and gases; a difficult airway center; 4 ICU beds; debrief rooms and audio/video recording for performance evaluation in debrief rooms or via the intranet. Simulation Center staff can assist faculty in building and creating scenarios.
- k. iPhones: iPhones are made available to all clinical trainees, which allow 24/7 access to key applications such as the IRIS app. This app permits patient record retrieval (including images). The impetus for this significant institutional commitment is the belief that this technology will assist clinical trainees in conducting improved transitions of care through the hand off tool in EPIC, our institutional electronic medical record system and will enhance quality and patient safety.
- l. Additional Program Resources: Cleveland Clinic and each program must ensure that adequate resources (e.g., sufficient laboratory space and equipment, computer and statistical consultation services) are available to clinical trainees. In addition, necessary professional, technical and clerical personnel must be provided to support the program.

### **Uniform Information**

Monogrammed lab coats and OR scrubs are provided to clinical trainees and laundered by Cleveland Clinic.

### **On-Call Meals**

Clinical trainees that are in programs that require them to be on in-house overnight call are provided an on-call meal allowance. This does not include trainees taking call from home. In order to use the on-call meal allowance you must complete the Cleveland Clinic Payroll Deduction Food Purchase Authorization Form. Cleveland Clinic uses a debit system; funds will be loaded on your ID Badge in six-month increments based on projected number of calls designated by your program.

### **GME Trainee Vacation and Leave of Absence Policy**

Vacation Time: Trainees receive three weeks (15 working days) of vacation per academic year. For appointments of less than one year in length; vacation is prorated at the rate of 1.25 days per month worked and rounded to the nearest whole day. Vacation time is not cumulative and must be taken in the year earned; it does not carry over into the next academic year. Vacation must be requester per guidelines in the program specific policy. Trainees may, but are not required to,

utilize available paid vacation time should they exhaust the paid leaves below, per guidelines in the program specific policy.

Paid Personal Days: Trainees are eligible for up to 5 personal days per year. Personal days must be approved by the Program Director, and can be used for events such as exams, when too ill to work or as interview days. Personal days must be requested in advance whenever possible. Please refer to your specific program's time away policy for additional information.

Medical Leave of Absence: If a Trainee is temporarily unable to work due to illness or accident as determined by their primary care physician and is unable to carry on duties and responsibilities as required in the Program, salary and benefits will continue for the lesser of (1) 90 days, (2) the duration of the illness, or (3) the remainder of the contract. For Clinical Trainees, if the illness continues and the Clinical Trainee holds a valid appointment, they will be eligible to apply for disability benefits in accordance with the terms of the Disability Plan and remain eligible to receive Cleveland Clinic benefits. Written verification is required from the primary care physician stating duration of leave required as well as medical necessity of the leave. Please refer to the Disability Benefit program for further information.

Caregiver Leave: With approval of the Program Director, Trainees are eligible for a maximum of six (6) weeks of paid Caregiver Leave over the course of their time in a training program. All Trainees are eligible for this leave for the birth and care of their newborn child, for placement with the Trainee of a child for adoption or foster care; to care for an immediate family member (i.e., spouse, child, or parent) with a serious health condition. Trainees who are not otherwise eligible for paid Disability Leave may also take paid Caregiver Leave for personal medical reasons. Paid Caregiver Leave must be taken concurrently with other leaves such as Maternity, Parental, and FMLA leaves. As reflected above, available paid vacation may be used outside of/in addition to the first 6 weeks of approved Medical, Parental or Caregiver Leave. Caregiver Leave may be taken continuously or as intermittently.

Unpaid Personal Leave: It is the policy of the Cleveland Clinic to grant Trainees an unpaid leave of absence for urgent or emergency situations that personally affect the Trainee and cannot be handled in any other way. Program Directors have the final approval for all requests for an Unpaid Personal Leave of absence.

Maternity Leave: Eight (8) weeks paid leave is provided for Maternity Leave beginning with the birth of the child. Trainees must notify their Program Director of a need for Maternity Leave as soon as possible. Maternity Leave must be taken concurrent with available FMLA and Caregiver Leave. Maternity Leave must be taken continuously.

Parental Leave: Four (4) weeks paid parental leave is provided to Trainees for the birth and care of their newborn child or for placement with the Trainee of a child for adoption or foster care. Trainees must notify their Program Director of a need for Parental Leave as soon as possible. Parental Leave must be taken concurrently with available FMLA and Caregiver Leave. Parental Leave must be taken continuously.

Bereavement Leave: Per Cleveland Clinic Policy, Trainees are eligible for paid bereavement days for a death in the immediate family. Bereavement Leave will be paid for attending the funeral or memorial service and/or the time necessary to make arrangements or manage personal

affairs related to the death of an immediate family member. Five (5) days are granted for the death of a spouse or child (step-child), three (3) days are granted for other immediate family members defined as: mother/stepmother, mother-in-law, father/stepfather, father-in-law, siblings/stepsiblings, grandmother, grandfather, and grandchild. Bereavement Leave may be taken within 30 days of the date of death of the immediate family member, except in those circumstances where the service is held beyond that time frame due to extenuating reasons. Additional unpaid time off may be granted by the Program Director. Available vacation time or paid personal days may also be used to extend the Bereavement Leave.

FMLA: Pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), Cleveland Clinic allows eligible employees time off from work (up to 12 work weeks in a rolling 12-month period) for qualifying employee's and family members' serious health conditions and family care events. Except in the case of leave to care for a covered service member with a serious illness or injury, an eligible Trainee's entitlement is limited to a total of 12 work weeks of leave during any leave year for all qualifying FMLA leaves. FMLA leave will run concurrently with other qualifying leaves (e.g. Workers' Compensation, short-term disability leave, Maternity Leave, Parental Leave, Caregiver Leave, etc.). FMLA is unpaid unless it is taken concurrent with available vacation or other applicable paid leave of absence.

Military Leave of Absence (FMLA): Pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), Cleveland Clinic allows eligible Trainees time off from work for up to twelve (12) weeks in a rolling 12-month period as a result of a "qualifying exigency" arising out of the fact that the Trainee's spouse, son, daughter or parent is a covered military member on active duty (or has been called to active duty) in support of a contingency operation and allow eligible Trainees up to 26 weeks in a single leave year to care for a covered service member with a serious injury or illness if the Trainee is the spouse, son, daughter, parent or next of kin of the service member.

Administrative Leave of Absence: A Trainee may be placed on a paid Administrative Leave of Absence, removing the Trainee from any programmatic duties for a specified amount of time. Reasons for administrative leave of absence may include, but are not limited to: investigation of alleged misconduct and/or unprofessional behavior (i.e. violation of patient privacy rules, conduct that is illegal/unethical, conduct that is inconsistent with CC Policy on Professional Conduct); failure to comply with conditions of probation or other corrective actions; or academic and/or professional deficiencies warranting removal of the Trainee from patient care. A Trainee who is issued a dismissal disciplinary action will be placed on administrative leave of absence pending decision to appeal the dismissal. If the Trainee decides to appeal the dismissal, administrative leave will be extended until the outcome of the appeal is rendered.

Trainees at South Pointe Hospital are subject to the MEC and bylaws of their respective hospitals and should refer to the Trainee Vacation and Leave of Absence Policies for their hospitals.

### **NRMP Agreement**

The Cleveland Clinic Foundation participates in the National Residency Matching Program (NRMP). As program participants, the Cleveland Clinic adheres to NRMP policies including section 6.3.1 which states that Programs are responsible for the completeness, timeliness, and accuracy of all information provided. This includes: All written, electronic, and verbal information provided to applicants throughout recruitment, the onboarding cycle, and through



the 45<sup>th</sup> day following the appointment start date; and all written, electronic, and verbal information provided to the NRMP. Before the Rank Order List Certification Deadline, or the offering of a position through SOAP, the program shall: Provide a copy of the appointment agreement that matched applicants will be expected to sign if such an agreement is available, or a copy of the agreement currently in use; Once provided, applicants must be notified of any material change to the appointment agreement. Provide all institutional and program policies regarding eligibility for appointment to a residency training position including but not limited to: Expected or required academic, educational, or prior training credentials; Pre-employment drug testing and background check; Information relevant to licensure status or visa status.

Programs shall obtain a signed acknowledgement of such communication from each applicant or be able to demonstrate that eligibility requirements were made available to each applicant.

In addition, Section 9.0 of the Match Participation Agreement states upon conclusion of the Match and SOAP, programs: Are in a binding commitment with the applicant and must offer an appointment as matched or offered: Programs who encourage an applicant with a Match or SOAP commitment to seek a concurrent year position, absent a waiver or deferral from the NRMP, shall be presumed to have violated this Agreement. Must begin training applicants on the start date specified in the appointment contract with the intent to complete the applicant's training: The binding commitment will be deemed to have been honored by the applicant so long as the applicant enters and remains in the training program through the first 45 calendar days after the start date of the relevant appointment contract. The binding commitment exists through the first 45 calendar days of the start date of the relevant appointment contract. Programs terminating a resident within 45 days of the start date specified in the appointment agreement, without having an approved waiver or deferral from the NRMP, will be in violation of this Agreement. Applicants who give notice of resignation, resign, or vacate a position within 45 days of the start date specified in the appointment agreement, without having an approved waiver or deferral from the NRMP, will be in violation of this Agreement. Programs must report such violations to [policy@nrmp.org](mailto:policy@nrmp.org). Each appointment is subject to the official policies of the appointing institution and program in effect on the Rank Order List Certification Deadline or when the program submits its preference list if the program participates in SOAP. Programs must adhere to the disclosure policies regarding accuracy, completeness, and timeliness of Information as outlined in Section 6.3 of the Match Participation Agreement. Programs who fail to disclose the official policies of the appointing institution and/or program, as outlined in Section 6.3, prior to the Rank Order List Certification Deadline may not be eligible to receive a waiver or deferral of the matched appointment.

The binding commitment may be released only through the waiver procedures set forth in Sections 10.0 of the Match Participation Agreement. Neither applicants nor programs may release each other from the binding Match commitment, or an offer accepted during SOAP. A waiver or deferral of the binding commitment may be requested only from the NRMP. The NRMP has sole discretion to grant or deny a requested waiver or deferral. The terms of the Waiver and Deferral Policy are incorporated herein and binding upon all Match participants.

Programs shall promptly notify the NRMP of waiver or deferral request(s) received from an applicant. The NRMP's decision is final and is not subject to challenge in arbitration, by judicial review, or by review of a third party. The NRMP may grant a deferral of up to one year at the request of either a program or an applicant if arbitration proceedings have been initiated and the

outcome is pending. Absent a waiver or deferral from the NRMP, failure to honor this binding commitment will be considered a violation of this Agreement.

Beginning with the 2013 Main Residency Match, any program that participates in The Match must register and attempt to fill all open positions through The Match or another national matching plan. A “program” is defined by its ACGME or AOA number. The All-In Policy applies to positions for which the NRMP offers matching services, including PGY-1 preliminary and categorical positions and PGY-2 positions in advanced programs.

Beginning in 2016, NRMP allows Fellowship Match sponsors to voluntarily implement the All-In Policy, which requires programs participating in the Match to register and attempt to fill all positions in the Match. A list of fellowships who have implemented the All in Policy can be found on the [NRMP Website](#).

In accordance with NRMP Policy a sample contract follows:

**Sample Appointment Contract, Acceptance Letter, and Addendum**  
**Sample Appointment Letter Sent by the GME Office at Cleveland Clinic**

March 18, 2025

Jane Smith Doe Sr., MD  
123 My Road  
Ann Arbor, MI 48130

Dear Dr. Doe:

I am pleased to inform you that Cleveland Clinic has approved your appointment as a Fellow at Graduate Level III in the “insert program” Training Program for the year beginning 7/1/2025 through 6/30/2026.

All appointments are for one year and may be renewed at the discretion of the institution upon continued evidence of satisfactory performance. Further, all appointments are subject to the policies and procedures set forth in the attachment and detailed in the Graduate Physicians Manual.

Your final appointment is contingent upon meeting the requirements in the attached addenda. New appointments are also contingent upon successful completion of required prerequisite training.

As an accepted Fellow of this institution, you will receive from the Cleveland Clinic an annual salary of \$\*\*\*\*\* for PGY III, plus fringe benefits as outlined in the Graduate Physicians Manual.

An electronic version of the Graduate Physicians Manual is available through your GME Registration packet in MedHub. The Graduate Physicians Manual outlines policies and procedures applicable to trainees. By providing your electronic signature you are attesting that you have read and agree to abide by the policies and information.

Kindly acknowledge in writing your acceptance of this appointment at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Lipman, MD, MHPE, FACS, FASCRS

**Sample Acceptance Letter Signed by Trainee**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Jeremy Lipman, MD, MHPE, FACS, FASCRS

James E. Sampliner, MD Endowed Chair in Surgical Education

DIO & Director of Graduate Medical Education

Dear Dr. Lipman:

I am pleased to accept the appointment as a Fellow at Graduate Level III in the “insert program” Training Program for the year beginning 7/1/2025 through 6/30/2026.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jane Doe Sr.

Cleveland Clinic

**SAMPLE ADDENDUM  
CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT/REQUIREMENTS --- CLINICAL**

In order to begin training/working at the Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland Clinic Akron General, or Cleveland Clinic Florida – Weston, you must first attend orientation in Graduate Medical Education (GME). Salary and/or benefits will be held until you have formally processed in with GME and have successfully completed all conditions of employment and met the requirements below.

1. Provide a copy of either a permanent Ohio, Florida, or Nevada Medical License or Training Certificate/License issued by the respective state medical board for training at Cleveland Clinic. *Does not apply to Postdoctoral Psychology Fellows, Psychology Residents or Special Fellows.*

NOTE TO CLINICAL FELLOWS (NST TRAINEE): MANY CLINICAL DEPARTMENTS REQUIRE CLINICAL FELLOWS (NST TRAINEE) TO OBTAIN PERMANENT LICENSURE IN THE STATE OF OHIO OR NEVADA. PLEASE CHECK WITH THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR/COORDINATOR OF YOUR CLEVELAND CLINIC FELLOWSHIP REGARDING OTHER REQUIREMENTS YOU WILL BE EXPECTED TO MEET TO BEGIN THE PROGRAM. *Does not apply to J1 visa holders.*

2. Complete a health screening performed by Cleveland Clinic Occupational Health before your orientation date; which includes completion of a health questionnaire, vital signs and urine test for substance abuse. As Cleveland Clinic is committed to providing a drug-free work environment, our Substance Abuse Policy prohibits caregivers from reporting to work or working impaired or under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or other controlled substances, including but not limited to, marijuana. This prohibition includes the use of or impairment from medical marijuana and consumables that contain tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), regardless of whether recreational or medicinal use is permissible under applicable state or local law. Please be advised that positive results for any illicit drugs or non-prescribed controlled substances will constitute ineligibility for employment. The Cleveland Clinic reserves the right to subject you to random toxicology screenings after initial hiring.

3. Cleveland Clinic has implemented a nicotine screening policy requiring all job applicants and individuals receiving appointments to take a cotinine test during their pre-placement physical exam. This is a pre-employment test only. The cotinine test will detect the presence of nicotine in all forms of tobacco. If you test positive for nicotine but agree to stop using nicotine (in any form), you will be allowed to start work and be re-tested within 90 days. However, if your nicotine re-test is positive, your employment will be terminated at that time. You will be eligible to re-apply after one year. This is at the discretion of the program director should the position remain open.

4. Cleveland Clinic requires a criminal background check for all employees. The Department of Protective Services will conduct the background check through a database search. Employment is conditional pending the return of the background check.

5. Complete all required institutional and program specific MyLearning online modules determined for your job classification. MyLearning modules must be completed in the time frame established.

6. Clinical trainees are required to have a National Provider Identifier (NPI). The NPI for each health care provider is assigned by the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES). Proof must be uploaded into the Residency Management System (MedHub). To apply refer to <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov> (apply as an individual). You must have a social security number to apply for an NPI. See #9 for information regarding application for a social security card. *Does not apply to Postdoctoral Psychology Fellows, Psychology Residents or Special Fellows.*

7. Provide the requested documents to accompany the Employment Eligibility Verification Form (I-9) as required by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Original documents must be presented at the GME orientation.

8. In Accordance with the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) requirements, graduates of medical schools outside of the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico must provide either a copy of a current, valid standard ECFMG Certificate or written documentation that the physician is eligible to receive same. *Does not apply to Postdoctoral Psychology Fellows, Psychology Residents or Special Fellows.*

9. Produce or obtain a social security number (SSN) for payroll purposes and enrollment in the Cleveland Clinic health care plan. A copy of the actual social security card is required. If you do not have a social security number/card, information on how and where to apply can be obtained from <http://www.ssa.gov/ssnumberorbycalling> 800-772-1213. H-1B holders can apply anytime after arrival in the U.S.; J-1 holders need to wait until after their orientation to apply for their social security number.

10. Ohio based trainees are also expected to enroll in ORP (Medicaid) and PECOS (Medicare) for prescribing purposes. Florida and Nevada based trainees must complete PECOS (Medicare). Please note: you must have an SSN and NPI prior to applying. Additional Information and enrollment materials can be found at:

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11. Other supporting documents required to complete your permanent education record (uploaded to Residency Management System-MedHub).

### **Sample Non-Standard Training (NST) Appointment Letter Sent by the GME Office at Cleveland Clinic**

June 15th 2025  
Jane Smith Doe Sr., MD  
123 My Road  
Ann Arbor, MI 48130

Dear Dr. Doe:

I am pleased to inform you that the Cleveland Clinic has approved your appointment as a Clinical Fellow (NST Trainee) at Graduate Level III in the Cardiology Program for the year beginning 7/1/2025 through 6/30/2026. This is **not** an ACGME accredited residency/fellowship program.

All appointments are for one year and may be renewed at the discretion of the institution upon continued evidence of satisfactory performance. Further, all appointments are subject to the policies and procedures set forth in the attachment and detailed in the Graduate Physicians Manual.

Your final appointment is contingent upon meeting the requirements in the attached addenda. New appointments are also contingent upon successful completion of required prerequisite training.

As an accepted Clinical Fellow (NST Trainee) of this institution, you will receive from the Cleveland Clinic an annual salary of \$\*\*\*\*\* plus fringe benefits as outlined in the Graduate Physicians Manual.

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Kindly acknowledge in writing your acceptance of this appointment at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,  
Jeremy Lipman, M.D., MHPE, FACS, FASCRS

### **Sample NST Acceptance Letter Signed by Trainee**

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeremy Lipman, M.D., MHPE, FACS, FASCRS

Dear Dr. Lipman:

I am pleased to accept the appointment as a Clinical Fellow (NST Trainee) at Graduate Level III in the “insert program” for the year beginning 7/1/2025, through 6/30/2026.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Jane Doe Sr.  
Cleveland Clinic

### **Sample NST Addendum (Attached to Appointment Letter)**

#### **SAMPLE ADDENDUM CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT/REQUIREMENTS --- NST**

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## **Graduate Physicians Manual**

Formal appointments are contingent upon adherence to all policies in the Graduate Physicians Manual; located on the homepage of the education website

(<https://my.clevelandclinic.org/departments/graduate-medical-education>). Below are the listing of policies; ones with the \* are consistent with and/or required by the ACGME.

### **Institutional Statements & Responsibilities Section**

- Cleveland Clinic History
- Institutional Commitment to Graduate Medical Education\*
- Equal Opportunity Employment Statement
- Patients' Rights and Responsibilities
- Corporate Social Responsibility Policy
- Institutional Education Committees
- Duties and Responsibilities of Clinical Trainees\*

### **Conditions of Employment & Requirements Section**

- Eligibility, Selection and Appointment\*
- Requirements to Begin Training
- Licensure
- National Provider Identifier (NPI)
- English Proficiency Policy
- Medicaid and Medicare Enrollment Requirements

### **Evaluations Section**

- Formative Assessments of Clinical Trainees (Feedback)\*
- Additional Evidence Used for Assessment Purposes\*
- Semi-Annual/Summative Assessments \*
- Assessment of Teaching Faculty\*
- Evaluation of Training Program\*

### **Performance Section**

- GME Remediation and Corrective Action Policy\*
- GME Appeal Process Policy\*
- Board Eligibility/Training Extensions\*
- Promotion\*
- Completion of Training Certificates
- Bridge Appointments for Cleveland Clinic GME Trainees

- Termination Procedure

### **Compensation & Benefits Section**

- FMLA\*
- Professional Liability\*
- Trainee Salary & Benefit Policy \*
- Educational Allowance Policy
- GME Trainee Vacation and Leave of Absence Policy\*
- GME Maternity Leave Policy
- GME Parental Leave Policy
- Complaint & Problem Resolution\*
- Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation\*

### **House Staff Resources Section**

- House Staff Association (HSA)
- House Staff Spouse Association (HSSA)
- Information for International Medical Graduates
- Employee Wellness Program
- Caring For Caregivers\*
- Academic Awards Program
- GME Department Functions
- TT-Building On-Call Room User Agreement
- GME Lock and Locker Agreement

### **Institutional Policies Section**

- Adult Patient Blood Management Guidelines
- Clinical Trainee Life Support Certification Policy
- Code of Conduct
- Confidentiality Policy
- Conflicts of Commitment
- Conflict of Interest in Business Affairs in General Policy
- Conflict of Interest in Clinical Practice
- Conflict of Interest in Education Policy
- Conflicts of Interest in Research Policy
- Corporate Compliance
- Culture of Safety
- Disability & Pregnancy Accommodation in Employment
- Disability & Pregnancy Accommodation in Education
- Drug Free Workplace
- GME Clinical Trainee Travel Policy
- Hand-Off Communication Policy
- Hazardous Chemical Identification and Communication Policy
- Hepatitis B Infection
- HIPAA
- Human Immunodeficiency Virus Infection
- Human Subject Research
- Identity Theft Prevention and Mitigation Standard Operating Procedure
- Infection Prevention
- Influenza Vaccination
- Informed Consent Policy
- Investigation of Criminal Conduct
- Lactation Break Policy
- Medication and Allergy Reconciliation Policy
- Non-Discrimination, Harassment or Retaliation Policy\*
- OSHA
- Outside Research Policy
- Patient Safety
- Personal Appearance Policy
- Privacy and Security of Protected Health Information
- Professional Conduct Policy (CC & GME)
- Recognizing and Reporting Compliance Issues
- Release of Information on Patients
- Research Compliance
- Research Compliance Research Misconduct Standard Operating Procedure
- Restraint and/or Seclusion Use Policy

- Restraint and/or Seclusion Use Procedure for Violent/Self-Destructive Behavior (VSD)
- Restraint Use Procedure for Non-Violent/Non-Self-Destructive Behavior (NVNSD)
- Safety Event Reporting (SERS)
- Safety & Security
- Social Media Use Policy
- Scrub Personnel Responsibility Policy
- Sexual Misconduct in Education
- Substance Abuse/Chemical Dependency
- Trainee DEA Registration Number Policy
- Universal Protocol – Safety Checklist Policy
- Use of Electronic Devices
- Vendor Standard Operating Procedures
- Verbal Orders Policy

### ACGME Policies Section

- Institutional Clinical Experience and Education Work Hour Policy\*
- Moonlighting Policy\*
- Clinical Trainee Work Environment\*
- Emergent Situations or Disasters (Extreme Events) Policy\*
- Residency Closure/Reduction Policy\*
- Accepting Clinical Trainees from Other Programs Due to Emergent Situations, Disasters or Program Closures\*
- Rotations Policy\*
- International Away Rotations Policy\*
- Supervision of Clinical Trainees\*

### Appendix Section

- Substance Abuse – Signs & Symptoms in the Workplace
- Procedure – Addressing Suspicion of Acute/Imminent Impairment with For Cause Testing
- Standard Operating Procedure – GME Remediation and Corrective Action
- GME Counseling and Remediation Template Instructions
- GME Counseling and Remediation Template
- International Away Rotations Request Form
- Assumption of Risk and Release Form Liability
- Anesthesiology Department: Notice of Substance Abuse Prevention Program
- Behavioral Health Issues
- Outside Funding for Cleveland Clinic Research Fellows Template
- Sample ACGME Accredited Program Trainee Contract
- Sample Non-Standard Training Program Trainee Contract

### Graduate Medical Education

**Cleveland Clinic**  
**9500 Euclid Ave JJ-24**  
**Cleveland, OH 44195**  
**Local: 216-444-5690**  
**E-mail: [meded@ccf.org](mailto:meded@ccf.org)**

*While every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the information presented in this booklet, it is possible that changes will be made to some of the policies after its publication. This summary is intended to provide a high level overview of Cleveland Clinic benefit programs. By its nature, this is not a legal document. Benefit program details are covered in summary plan descriptions (SPDs) and controlling legal documents. SPDs can be found on the HR Portal, which can be accessed through Workday, or by contacting the HR Service Center at 216.448.2247. This summary does not create a contract between Cleveland Clinic and its caregivers for either employment or*

*any other benefit program offered. Cleveland Clinic routinely reviews the benefit programs offered and has the right to change or terminate these offerings at its own discretion at any time.*

*To keep you current, any changes or revisions will be communicated on the intranet site GME|com, as they are implemented. Please note that this intranet site is only accessible when on the Cleveland Clinic network. The benefits in this book apply to Trainees at Main Campus. Trainees at Fairview Hospital and South Pointe Hospital, as well as Akron and Florida locations may be subject to varied benefits offered at their specific hospital location. Please reach out to your Program Coordinator for benefit information.*