

WVU School of Medicine Graduate Medical Education
Quality Improvement (QI) Policy (Sponsoring Institution 3.2.b.1)

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that residents and fellows participate in meaningful Quality Improvement (QI) activities that enhance patient safety, clinical outcomes, and healthcare system performance while meeting educational standards.

Policy

WVU GME is committed to fostering a culture of continuous quality improvement and patient safety. All residency and fellowship programs must provide structured opportunities for residents and fellows to engage in QI activities consistent with institutional priorities and accreditation requirements.

Scope

This policy applies to all WVU GME-accredited residency and fellowship programs, residents, fellows, program leadership, and faculty.

Requirements

1. Participation

- Residents and fellows must actively participate in QI and/or patient safety initiatives during training.
- Participation may include projects, committees, root cause analyses, or system-based improvement efforts.

2. Education and Supervision

- Programs must provide education in QI principles, including Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSA) cycles, patient safety, and systems-based practice.
- Faculty supervision and mentorship must be provided for all QI activities.

3. Program Integration

- QI activities should align with departmental, hospital, or institutional quality and safety goals.
- Programs are encouraged to collaborate with hospital quality and patient safety committees.
- Programs should ensure that residents and fellow have access to quality metric data with benchmarks to improve systems of care, reduce health care

disparities, and improve patient outcomes (Common Program Requirements 6.4.)

4. Documentation and Evaluation

- Resident and fellow participation in QI activities must be documented and reviewed at the Annual Program Evaluation. (3.2.b.1.)
- Residents and fellow access to quality metric data with benchmarks must be documented and reviewed at the Annual Program Evaluation. (3.2.b.)

Oversight

The WVU GME Office, in collaboration with program leadership and institutional quality committees, will oversee compliance with this policy and ensure alignment with **Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)** requirements.

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