



Regional Academic Affairs

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TITLE: Resident Prescription Writing Policy	POLICY NUMBER: S-45
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**POLICY:**

Mercy Health employed residents/fellows must provide care only to patients under their care as part of the educational program. To that end, residents/fellows will not write prescriptions for those who are not patients under their care. This includes colleagues, family, and self.

**PURPOSE:**

It is the responsibility of the institution to ensure that each program operates with the highest standards regarding patient and resident safety/well-being. Hence, prescribing medications outside of a true physician-patient relationship does not adhere to this standard. Additionally, residents/fellows are in violation if providing any medical care outside the scope of their training license, unless they are independently licensed and working in a moonlighting situation.

**PROCEDURE:**

1. Residents/fellows will not prescribe any medications for persons who are not under their care. This care must be under the auspices of the educational program. This includes moonlighting within the institution. External moonlighting, where the resident is independently licensed, is not covered by this policy.
2. Violations of this policy will be handled under the due process policy S-04.

Approved by:

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