

## **West Virginia University School of Medicine (SOM) Statement of Commitment to Graduate Medical Education**

**Date:** 2/23/2026

**Mission:**

The WVU SOM Graduate Medical Education (GME) mission is to train exceptional physicians who deliver compassionate, high-quality, patient-centered care while advancing health equity and serving the needs of West Virginia and the broader region. Through rigorous clinical training, scholarly inquiry, interprofessional collaboration, and a culture of professionalism and wellness, WVU SOM GME fosters the development of physicians who demonstrate excellence in clinical competence, ethical practice, lifelong learning, and leadership. We are committed to creating a dynamic learning environment that promotes innovation, accountability, continuous improvement, and patient safety in alignment with the standards of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) and the mission of West Virginia University

**Scope:**

This commitment applies to all ACGME-accredited programs sponsored by WVU SOM and their participating sites. This commitment also applies to all Non-standard training programs sponsored by WVU SOM.

**Sponsoring Institution:**

West Virginia University School of Medicine is under the governing body of the West Virginia University Board of Governors. The Designated Institutional Officer is Sarah Sofka, MD.

**Commitment:**

West Virginia University School of Medicine commits to ensuring the provision of the necessary administrative, educational, financial, human, and clinical resources for GME.



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Robert "Rusty" Hudson Jr.  
Chair, West Virginia University Board  
Of Governors



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Designated Institutional Officer  
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Clay E. Marsh, MD  
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Norman D. Ferrari, MD  
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Michael Grace, EdD MBA  
President and CEO  
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