



# AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY

## Compact Between Cardiology Fellows and Cardiology Faculty

Fellowship training is an integral component of the formal education of cardiologists. In order to practice Cardiology independently, physicians must complete a supervised period of fellowship training. Fellows must participate actively in the care of patients and must assume progressively more responsibility for that care as they advance through their training.

In supervising fellow education, faculty must ensure that the fellow's acquire the knowledge and special skills of their discipline while adhering to the highest standards of quality and safety in the delivery of patient care services. In addition, faculty are charged with nurturing those values and behaviors that strengthen the doctor-patient relationship that sustain the profession of medicine as an ethical enterprise.

### Core Tenets of Cardiology Fellow Education

- Excellence in medical education
  - Fellows' are first and foremost learners. Accordingly a fellow's educational need should be the primary determinant of any assigned patient care services. Residents must, however, remain faithful to their oath as physicians and recognize that their responsibilities to their patients take priority over purely educational consideration.
- Highest quality patient care and safety
  - The primary obligation of institutions and individuals providing fellow education is the provision of high quality, safe patient care. Faculty must accept an obligation to ensure high quality medical care in all learning environments.
- Respect for fellows' well-being
  - Fundamental to the ethic of medicine is respect for every individual. Fellows are especially vulnerable and their well-being must be accorded the highest priority. Given the uncommon stresses inherent in fulfilling the demands of their training program, fellows must be accorded sufficient opportunities to meet personal and family obligations, to pursue recreational activities, and to obtain adequate rest.

I hereby verify and attest that I have read and understand the information presented here, and affirm that I will comply with these tenets found in this compact to the best of my knowledge, information and ability.

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