

# Spokane Teaching Health Center

## **REDUCTION/CLOSURE POLICY FOR RESIDENCY PROGRAMS**

*Approved on January 28, 2014*

If the ACGME withdraws accreditation of a residency program, or if a decision is made voluntarily to close a residency program, the Spokane Teaching Health Center will work with the residency to establish a phase-out plan that allows currently enrolled residents to complete their training. If that is not possible, the Spokane Teaching Health Center, in conjunction with the residency program, will assist the displaced residents in obtaining positions in another accredited training program.

In the event the Spokane Teaching Health Center decides to reduce the number of positions in any residency training program or close a residency training program, the Spokane Teaching Health Center shall notify the GMEC, the DIO, and the residents in that program as soon as possible. Every effort will be made to accomplish the reduction without adverse effect on residents currently in training. If that is not possible, the DIO, in conjunction with the residency Program Director, will assist the displaced residents in obtaining a position in another accredited training program.