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Residency Training Program
Self-Assessment Activity

As you are aware the ACGME requires that all residents become proficient in Core Competencies, which include patient care, medical knowledge, practice based learning and improvement, interpersonal and communication skills, professionalism, and systems-based practice. Residency training programs are charged with teaching several components of each competency and then evaluating resident's proficiency in each component. One method of evaluation is Resident Self-Assessment.

In preparation for your Year End meeting with Dr. Kvedar, please complete this Self Assessment exercise. Please use this opportunity to analyze your own practice experience to recognize your strengths, deficiencies, and limitations in knowledge and expertise. Please be as honest as possible in your assessment. During your meeting Dr. Kvedar will review this self assessment with you. This exercise may also help us identify areas of training that need improvement.

COMPETENCY: PRACTICE BASED LEARNING AND IMPROVEMENT

Your assignment:

- 1) Select a difficult patient case, in which you were the resident of record, that was seen between July 1st of the current academic year and now. For the purposes of this report, identify the patient by initials only.
- 2) Provide a brief summary outlining the case, include pertinent history (to include age, gender, cultural, economic, and social circumstances, as well as disease related history), physical exam findings, laboratory tests performed and results, diagnosis and treatment plan.
- 3) Summarize the difficulty encountered in the case and how it was handled.
- 4) Think about and summarize how you would have handled things differently. Give 2 examples of things you would do differently now, in hindsight. Consider the following:
 - a. Do you feel that you could have counseled and educated the patient and their family better and that the lack of this contributed to the difficulties encountered?
 - b. Did your synthesis of the clinical history, physical exam findings, laboratory results and current scientific evidence yield the correct diagnosis?
 - c. Do you feel that limited knowledge or lack of knowledge on current scientific data on the disease state contributed to the difficulties encountered?
 - d. Did you use all of the resources available to you in your decision-making process?
 - e. Did you make appropriate referrals?
 - f. Was appropriate follow-up provided?

Please bring a one page review as directed above to your meeting. This document will be kept on file as part of your permanent record, and may be used as documentation for future ACGME Accreditation.