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OFFICE OF GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

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Dear Physician Postgraduate:

California Physicians and Surgeons license requirements apply as follows:

US Medical School Gradates

- A resident physician who has completed an internship (first postgraduate year training) must meet all requirements determined by the Medical Board of California and must apply for licensure during his/her second year of training and be fully licensed by the end of the second year prior to continuing in the third year of the training program.
 - *Harbor-UCLA hospital policy requires trainees to be fully licensed by December 31st of the second year of training.*
- **If you have not received training in an approved program elsewhere prior to your commencement of first postgraduate year training at the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, you must obtain a license by December 31, 2011.**
- **A resident physician entering a Harbor-UCLA training program, who has had two or more years of training, must have a license upon arrival.**

International Medical School Gradates (IMG)

- International Medical Graduates (IMG) must complete two years of training in the U.S. to be eligible for a California Physicians and Surgeons license. Any training received in an approved program in the U.S. is counted toward this requirement. IMG's must be fully licensed by the end of their third year of training.
- **An IMG resident physician entering a Harbor-UCLA training program who has had 3 or more years of training must have a license upon arrival.**

If you have received **any** training in an approved program elsewhere, please contact Sally Oliver in the Medical Director's Office immediately. Please review the *Important Licensure Information* on the reverse.

Sincerely,

Darrell W. Harrington, M.D., F.A.C.P.
Associate Medical Director and Director of Medical Education

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE STATEMENT

Print Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

I HAVE MY CALIFORNIA PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS LICENSE. THE NUMBER IS _____ EXP. _____



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IMPORTANT LICENSURE INFORMATION

California Medical Licensure

The Medical Board of California requires that residents who have had 24 months of training and are continuing in California be licensed by the first day of their 25th month of training no matter what year level of training he/she is entering. International Graduates have until the end of the 36th month of training, no matter what year level of training he/she is entering, to become licensed. Any resident failing to meet that requirement will be subject to termination from their program.

Harbor-UCLA Medical Center requires that residents must be familiar with the requirements for licensure by the Medical Board of California and apply for and receive a full and unrestricted license by December 31 of the GY-2 year no matter what year level of training he/she is in. International medical graduates must fulfill similar requirements by the end of the GY-3 year. Once received, the resident is responsible for maintaining a current valid license for the duration of postgraduate training. Failure to be licensed as described above may cause an interruption in the continuation of training and suspension of employment without pay until a valid license has been obtained or the resident's employment is terminated at the discretion of the program director.

Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Registration

Unless the Medical Center's Medical Director issues specific written exemption, licensed residents are required to obtain and use their assigned DEA registration number. A copy of this DEA certificate must be on file in the Office of Graduate Medical Education and the appropriate departmental office. Effective July 1, 1996, all residents (GY-3 and above) must present documentation that they have applied for or possess a current DEA registration. Failure to do so will result in suspension of employment without pay until the deficiency is corrected. The GME Office can exempt the fee of your DEA. Please find instructions at www.harbor-ucla.org/licensure.php