McGaw Medical Center of Northwestern University

Policy on Telemedicine

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Telemedicine can represent an excellent learning opportunity for McGaw trainees. The possibility for a service over educational imbalance does exist. It is McGaw policy that any experience for McGaw trainees must include the following:

- 1. A clear program policy for faculty oversight including faculty documentation in the electronic medical record (EMR) after all housestaff telemedicine encounters.
- 2. A specific plan for trainee education and faculty driven feedback after all telemedicine encounters.
- 3. Any telemedicine experience must have documented formal goals and objectives.
- 4. A tracking system to assess the service / educational balance for any telemedicine experience.
- 5. A process to review of all telemedicine experiences at the annual program review (APR).
- 6. A process for tracking all time spent performing telemedicine. All duty hours including evening and nighttime hours spent performing telemedicine tasks must be included in duty hour logs as per ACGME program requirements.
- 7. Telemedicine may not be a moonlighting activity.