



Policies and Procedures

Policy MFMR21	Licensure and DEA Prescribing Policy
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Purpose

All residents are to use the assigned Methodist DEA number within the limitations provided by the hospital. All residents will be assigned an advisor who will be signing on their charts.

Licensure Exemption

Under the State of Tennessee statute T.C.A. 63-6-207, Resident physicians who do not hold a special training license or full and unrestricted medical license are exempt from the requirement of a license to practice medicine or surgery in this state when participating in an accredited training program in the State of Tennessee. The Graduate Medical Education (GME) Department applies annually to the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners for a licensure exemption for each Resident while training under the supervision and control of the Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge Faculty. Residents are not permitted to practice medicine or surgery outside of their training programs (i.e., moonlight) without being fully licensed to practice medicine in the state in which the moonlighting activity occurs.

Prescribing Information

Since Methodist residents are exempt from the requirement of having an unrestricted Tennessee medical license, they cannot obtain individual DEA numbers that are required for prescribing controlled substances. However, they may dispense, administer, and prescribe controlled substances under the registration of the individual teaching hospital in which the patient care is being provided. The residency administrative office will provide each resident with a specific internal code number (DEA Number suffix) to be used along with the appropriate hospital's institutional number. These internal codes are supplied to the pharmacies of our teaching partners and are available to law enforcement agencies upon request for the purpose of verifying the authority of the prescribing individual practitioner. Residents are provided the hospital institutional numbers and are responsible for using them appropriately. The institutional numbers are only valid for patients within that facility and cannot be used for any other purpose.

The hospital institutional DEA numbers and individual suffixes **can only be used for residency education rotations**. Residents are responsible for immediately reporting any incidents that suggest compromise to the residency administrative office and/or hospital pharmacy. Misuse of an institutional DEA number could result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from

the training program. Residents that have an unexpired personal DEA number and an unrestricted Tennessee Medical License should use their personal DEA number on all prescriptions.

If moonlighting, a resident must obtain an individual federal DEA number (requires an unrestricted state medical license)

NPI Number

All Residents must obtain a federal National Provider Identifier (NPI) number. Information on obtaining the NPI number will be provided by the program manager. The NPI number must be included on all prescriptions including those requiring a DEA number.