TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER AT EL PASO **Paul L. Foster School of Medicine** **GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION** **Policy**

TITLE: External Moonlighting Policy

PURPOSE: To clearly distinguish the type of moonlighting that is not part of a trainee's program for which the sponsoring institution provides no liability coverage and accepts no legal responsibility.

REVIEW: This policy will be reviewed every two years by the Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC).

POLICY STATEMENT: Residents/Fellows may engage in external moonlighting under certain circumstances (see below). However, Residents/Fellows are not required to engage in external moonlighting.

External Moonlight is defined as a voluntary, compensated, medically related work performed outside the site of the resident's or fellow's program, including the primary clinical site and any participating sites.

Residents/Fellows may be allowed to engage in external moonlighting during their <u>unassigned</u> duty period contingent upon the applicable program director's written approval and accountability towards the 80-hour maximum weekly limit. It is the resident's or fellow's responsibility to:
1. have an independent license for the practice of medicine (resident may not use a PIT permit);
2. procure and maintain his/her professional liability for such moonlighting as no professional liability insurance will be provided by TTUHSC EP for those activities;
3. not display or communicate to patients or patients' families his/her education affiliation with TTUHSC EP or his/her training program while functioning as a private physician;
4. not be performed during any assigned duty, including 'at home call'; and
5. not be performed during their first year of training.

An ACGME- accredited program will monitor the effect of moonlighting activities on a resident's/fellow's performance in the program, including those adverse effects may lead to withdrawal of permission to moonlight.

J-1 Visa Holders are not allowed to perform external moonlighting as stated in the ECFMG policy.