



**San Antonio Uniformed Services  
Health Education Consortium  
San Antonio, Texas**

**SAUSHEC Critical Care Education Resources Policy**

I. **Purpose.** This policy is designed to ensure that SAUSHEC meets the ACGME requirement to develop guidelines governing the educational resources committed to critical care programs and to ensure cooperation of all involved disciplines.

Trainees are assigned to critical care rotations for education rather than service. To ensure appropriate educational experiences, services assigning trainees to critical care rotations (transitional year, anesthesiology, general surgery, orthopedics, and OB/GYN residencies, and PULMCC, straight CCM, SURGCC, and ANESTHCC fellowships) will coordinate distribution of trainees throughout the academic year. Having too few or too many trainees at any one time seriously degrades the educational experience. If insufficient numbers of trainees are available, staff physicians will support the patient care mission.

II. **Coordination.** SAUSHEC critical care program directors will work together to optimize critical care educational resources and to ensure each of SAUSHEC's critical care programs (Surgical Critical Care, Anesthesia Critical Care, Neonatology, and Pulmonary Critical Care) remains in substantial compliance with their specialty specific program requirements including support of their sponsoring core residency. Critical care educational resources to include faculty, patients, equipment, space, and didactic programs may be (and should be when appropriate) shared to meet individual program requirements and maximize educational opportunities for all trainees.

III. **Monitoring.** Compliance with this policy will be monitored using annual metric reports and internal reviews of each program. If issues arise concerning the distribution of educational resources committed to critical care programs, the Dean will appoint a subcommittee to develop solutions for presentation to the GMEC, SAUSHEC Board of Directors, and SAUSHEC Command Council for review and implementation.