University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

Policy on Transportation to Clinical and Educational Sites

I. PURPOSE

Students will be assigned to clinical and educational experiences at a range of sites. This policy defines students' responsibilities for commuting to these sites.

II. SCOPE

This policy applies to:

Medical students

III. POLICY

Medical students are responsible for arranging their own transportation to and from clinical and educational sites.

Students are responsible for making the necessary arrangements to their assigned site. If a student will have an undue difficulty commuting to their assigned site, they may request an alternative site as described in the Policy on Requesting an Alternative Site Assignment.

Students who choose to drive personal vehicles to clinical/educational sites are responsible for the costs of fuel, parking, and any other personally incurred expenses.

Students who choose to take public transportation or use other transportation services are also responsible for the costs of commuting.

IV. POLICY AUTHOR(S)

• Office of Medical Education

V. RELATED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- Policy on Requesting an Alternative Site Assignment
- Guidance on Transportation to Clinical and Educational Sites

VI. REFERENCES

• LCME Standard 10.9: Student Assignment: A medical school assumes ultimate responsibility for the selection and assignment of medical students to each location and/or parallel curriculum (i.e., track) and identifies the administrative office that fulfills this responsibility. A process exists whereby a medical student with an appropriate rationale can request an alternative assignment when circumstances allow for it.

VII. APPROVALS

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