

## **MALPRACTICE PROTOCOL – (WCGME)**

If a resident is named as a defendant in a malpractice action, the Program Director should be notified immediately. The resident must provide the WCGME office with the original copy of the notification. WCGME is responsible for notifying the appropriate individuals at the KU Medical Center and the Kansas Health Care Stabilization Fund. A representative of either KUMC or the “fund” will contact the resident regarding the appointment of an attorney. That attorney is responsible for contacting the resident with advice concerning any action which should or should not be taken in regard to the pending malpractice suit. The resident should not contact an attorney until he or she is notified by the insurance carrier(s) (KUMC and the “fund”) regarding the attorney appointed to represent him or her.

If a resident is involved in a patient care incident that he or she suspects might lead to litigation, the WCGME office should be notified in writing so that the insurance carrier(s) can be alerted to any potential activity.

Questions or concerns about professional liability insurance coverage or actions to be taken in the event a resident is named a defendant in a suit should be directed to the Program Director or the WCGME office.