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PGME Moonlighting Guidance Document

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Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide residency programs with information on “moonlighting” by residents, either as physician extender shifts or clinical work by residents using an independent license.

GUIDELINE

1. PHYSICIAN EXTENDER SHIFTS

Residency programs and residents must follow the College of Physician and Surgeons of Alberta’s (CPSA) rules, which can be found on their website, for residents participating in physician extender shifts.

2. CLINICAL WORK BY RESIDENTS WITH AN INDEPENDENT LICENSE (GENERAL REGISTER)

Some eligible residents might choose to obtain an independent license during residency training (as an example, a subspecialty resident who is on the general register in their core specialty). This work falls outside the scope of the Resident Physician agreement and is outside the jurisdiction of PGME or residency programs.

3. RESIDENCY TRAINING

Activities during moonlighting do not count towards, nor should be considered part of, residency training.

REFERENCES

<https://cpsa.ca/physicians/registration/apply-for-physician-extender-registration/>

DEFINITIONS

Definitions are listed in the sequence they occur in the document (i.e. not alphabetical).

Any definitions listed in the following table apply to this document only with no implied or intended institution-wide use.	
Moonlighting	Moonlighting refers to clinical work outside of a resident physician's postgraduate training program.
College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta	The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta is responsible for the registration, regulation, and discipline of physicians, including PGME trainees such as resident physicians and clinical fellows, in Alberta, Canada.
Resident Physician Agreement	Often referred to as the PARA agreement, it is the agreement between the University of Alberta, University of Calgary, the health authority Alberta Health Services, and the Professional Association of Resident Physicians of Alberta. It describes the terms and conditions applicable to Resident Physicians related to provision of health care services within a learning environment.