"The mission of the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences is to educate and prepare North Dakota residents as physicians, medical scientists and other health professionals for service to the people of North Dakota and the nation, and to advance medical and biomedical knowledge through research."

The School of Medicine and Health Sciences ("the School") is committed to offering graduate medical education programs in which physicians in training acquire the competencies required for safe, effective, ethical, and humane patient care in their chosen specialties. The School ensures that each residency program has the educational, financial, and human resources it needs to enable its residents to acquire competence in the realms of medical knowledge, patient care, interpersonal and communication skills, professionalism, practice-based learning & improvement, systems-based practice, and research. The School develops and maintains close relationships with its affiliated institutions to ensure that residents have access to the instruction, guidance, oversight, and clinical exposure needed to acquire competencies and to provide safe, effective, ethical, and humane patient care. The School fosters and maintains relationships with the broad network of full-time and volunteer faculty who participate in residency training programs. The School ensures that all residency programs are in substantial compliance with the institutional and program requirements of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education and its relevant Residency Review Committees. The School fosters an educational environment in all of its residency programs through support of faculty development, scholarly activity, and integrated planning. The School ensures that the work environments of its residents comply with pertinent regulatory and statutory standards. The School fulfills its commitment to Graduate Medical Education through a designated administrative structure that includes the Assistant Dean for Graduate Medical Education/Designated Institutional Official (DIO) and the Graduate Medical Education Committee. The Graduate Medical Education Committee solicits annual reports from all residency programs (Internal Medicine, Bismarck Family Medicine, Minot Family Medicine, General Surgery, Psychiatry, Transitional Year), conducts internal reviews of all residency programs, monitors clinical compliance with accreditation standards, evaluates the success of its programs in achieving their educational objectives, and mobilizes institutional support for needs shared by all programs.

The School of Medicine and Health Sciences will provide the necessary educational, financial and human resources necessary to support all Graduate Medical Education training programs.

This statement of commitment is supported by the governing body, administration, and teaching staff of the School.

Statement of Commitment Approved by GMEC, July 14, 2009

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