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STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT TO GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

The Armed Forces have been heavily committed to Graduate Medical Education since the end of World War II. Residency programs were instituted by Walter Reed Army Medical Center in 1949 and soon after at the National Naval Medical Center. By agreement of the Commanders of Malcolm Grow Medical Center of the 79th Medical Wing, National Naval Medical Center (NNMC), Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) and the Dean, F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS), the National Capital Consortium was created in 1997 to function as a sponsoring institution for military graduate medical education programs in the National Capital Area.

The 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC) Report led to a merger between WRAMC and NNMC in September of 2011. The new joint facility, named "Walter Reed National Military Medical Center" (WRNMMC) is located on the campus of the old NNMC in Bethesda, MD. Also as a result of the 2005 BRAC, Fort Belvoir Community Hospital (FBCH) was built in Northern Virginia and replaced the nearby Dewitt Army Community Hospital, and MGMC transitioned into an ambulatory care facility and was renamed "Malcolm Grow Medical Clinic." Currently, Consortium member institutions (Members) include WRNMMC, the 79th Medical Wing, FBCH, and the USUHS-SOM.

The Consortium, through its parent organizations is committed to the conduct of educational programs of the highest quality that meet the patient care needs of the uniformed services and other governmental sponsors for physician specialists who are qualified, competent, and morally and ethically suited for a career in medicine and service to the Nation. To this end, the parents pledge to create an educational milieu that is conducive to learning by providing necessary mentoring, guidance, and support for the trainee. From the resources provided by the Defense Health Program, the parents pledge an appropriate level of financial and personnel support to meet the administrative and technical requirements of the educational mission of the Consortium.

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