UCLA GMEC PRESCRIPTIONS FOR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES POLICY

PURPOSE

Prescriptions for controlled substances may only be prescribed by physicians certified by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). Resident trainees with an active medical license can register for DEA certification.

SCOPE

All trainees enrolled in ACGME-accredited training programs at UCLA.

DEFINITIONS

DEA Certificate: Drug Enforcement Agency issued certificate allowing physicians to prescribe controlled substances to patients

PECOS: Medicare Provider Enrollment, Chain, and Ownership System

CURES: Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System

POLICY

Registration
Visit the DEA website http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov and follow instructions to apply for a new or renewal DEA registration online or through the mail (DEA-224).

Fee Exemption
As UCLA Health employees, trainees are eligible for a fee exemption for their DEA registration. A fee-exempt DEA is only valid at the exempting institution and any affiliate hospital rotations within the scope of training. A fee-exempt DEA is not valid for external moonlighting purposes.

E-prescribing
https://uclahsprod.service-now.com/it_portal?id=kb_article_view&syparm_article=KB0013684
Utilization
The DEA-registered physician can prescribe controlled substances in accordance with applicable CA State Law and outlined by the Medical Board of California.

Resident trainees will only prescribe controlled substances for which they have proper institutional authorization and licensure.

Faculty and/or other fully trained providers who are licensed and authorized to prescribe controlled substances will be available at all venues where trainees provide care and where there may be a need to prescribe controlled substances.

Violation of DEA policy could result in disciplinary action including probation, suspension or termination from their training programs.

FORMS

REFERENCES
DEA website http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov
UCLA Health EPCS Enrollment Process (link)

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