**PURPOSE**

In compliance with the ACGME Institutional and Common Program Requirements, it is the goal of Creighton University to outline the types of leave available to the residents and fellows of Creighton University. The Creighton University Graduate Medical Education Leave Policy was developed to serve the best interests of the individual resident, the resident's colleagues and serve the mission of the School of Medicine.

**SCOPE**

This policy applies to all Creighton University Infectious Diseases fellows.

**POLICY**

The following leave is outlined below, along with a link to access Creighton University policy.

Refer to House Staff Agreement for allotment of time for vacation and sick days. Vacation is defined Monday-Friday. Residents who exceed the allowable leave as outlined by the ABIM (up to one month per academic year), may be required to extend their training. If a resident is required to extend their training beyond August 31st of their final year, they are not eligible to sit for the ABIM certifying exam until the subsequent year.

Up to one month of leave per academic year is permitted for time away from training, which includes vacation, illness, parental or family leave, or pregnancy-related disabilities.

Candidates for certification in the subspecialties must meet ABIM’s requirements for duration of training (24 months) as well as a minimum duration of full-time clinical training (12 months). Clinical training requirements may be met by aggregating full-time clinical training that occurs throughout the entire fellowship training period; clinical training need not be completed in successive months.

Residents and fellows are responsible for complete the Leave Request Form for GME.

**REFERENCES**

American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) Policies and Procedures
Creighton University Policy
House Staff Agreement Contract

**AMENDMENTS OR TERMINATION OF THIS POLICY**

Creighton University reserves the right to modify, amend or terminate this policy at any time.
The GME policy supersedes all program level policies regarding this area/topic. In the event of any discrepancies between program policies and the GME policy, the GME policy shall govern.