Article 16: LIABILITY INSURANCE/MALPRACTICE INSURANCE

The University is obligated by the California Tort Claims Act (Government Code section 825) to defend Residents against any liability or malpractice claim arising out of the Resident's acts or omissions within the scope of University duties. Professional liability insurance coverage is maintained to meet such obligation. Exceptions to such coverage are acts or omissions in the course of activities not within the scope of the Resident's University duties and acts or omissions resulting from actual fraud, corruption, malice, or criminal negligence. Residents contacted by attorneys or others regarding malpractice suits are asked to immediately notify the Medical Center Risk Management Department who will advise on how to respond or coordinate the response on their behalf.

The University shall include Residents under the University's self-insurance program with limits of up to $7.5 million per occurrence for the liability of the Resident while acting in the performance of his/her duties or in the course and scope of his/her assignment. Claims made after termination of training will be covered if based on acts or omissions of the Resident within the course and scope of her/his assignments during training. Residents must agree to comply with Medical Center policies and cooperate as requested by UCLA Health. Liability coverage will be provided for the Resident on rotations outside UCLA Healthcare System provided such rotation or activity has been approved or mandated by the program. Liability coverage is not provided by the University with respect to a Resident's acts or omissions outside the course and scope of the Resident's employment and assigned Program duties.