

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA COLLEGE OF MEDICINE JACKSONVILLE
Office of Educational Affairs
RESIDENT MANUAL

PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE

While participating in a graduate medical education (GME) program of the University of Florida College of Medicine Jacksonville, residents are the employees of the University of Florida Board of Trustees (UFBOT), the State of Florida agency that operates the University of Florida. Pursuant to Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, residents are personally immune from civil liability for any injury or damage suffered by patients, because of negligence occurring while residents are acting within the course and scope of their UFBOT the duties. The UFBOT, as a state agency, and not the UFBOT individual resident, is the legally-responsible party in those circumstances. The University of Florida, J. Hillis Miller Health Center Self-Insurance Program (SIP) provides professional liability protection for UFBOT residents acting within the scope of their UF GME duties, when patients suffer bodily injury, personal injury, or property damage alleged to have been caused by the negligence of UFBOT residents. SIP also affords professional liability protection to residents in situations when residents act in the role of a “Good Samaritan,” perform community service work that has been pre-approved by the University, or serve on a University educational assignment outside of Florida. In light of the benefits of immunity provided by law, residents must identify themselves as UFBOT residents. Accordingly, residents must wear the University ID badge at all times while participating in the graduate medical education program.

If you have questions regarding professional liability, please contact SIP at 352-273-7006. You may also contact SIP by using the new “My FL SIP” app, which is free and available at Apple IOS and Google Play app stores.