

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA COLLEGE OF MEDICINE JACKSONVILLE
Resident Manual

PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE

While participating in a graduate medical education program of the University, residents are the employees of the University of Florida Board of Trustees (UFBOT), the State of Florida agency that operates the University of Florida. Under Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, residents are personally immune from civil liability for any injury or damage suffered by a patient, as a result of negligence occurring while residents are acting within the course and scope of their employment. The UFBOT is responsible for any civil claims or actions arising from the negligent acts of its employees and agents, including residents in University graduate medical programs. The University of Florida, J. Hillis Miller Health Center, Jacksonville, Self-Insurance Program (SIP), a self-insurance program established by Florida Statutes Section 1004.24, provides professional liability protection to the UFBOT and Shands Jacksonville Medical Center, Inc. (SJMC), for incidents in which patients suffer bodily injury, personal injury, or property damage caused by the negligence of UFBOT residents. SIP also affords residents professional liability protection, when residents act in the role of a "Good Samaritan", when involved in community service work that has been pre-approved by the University, and when serving on a University educational assignment outside of Florida. In light of the benefits of immunity provided by law, residents, while performing their duties, must identify themselves at all times as UFBOT employees. 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 244-9070.