Aga Khan University Postgraduate Medical Education

Maternity Leave Policy for Residents and Fellows

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1. POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of Postgraduate Medical Education at Aga Khan University to grant a paid Maternity Leave to eligible PGME trainee (female Residents and Fellows only).

2. DEFINITIONS

Paid Maternity Leave will be granted for a period of 12 consecutive weeks. Paid Maternity Leave will be admissible once in two years only.

Medical Director & Associate Dean, Clinical Affairs

3. SCOPE

Eligible PGME trainee upon completion of one year's continuous training.

4. OBSERVATIONS

- a. An eligible female Resident or Fellow may apply for Maternity Leave, commencing up to 2 weeks prior to expected date of delivery and up to 10 weeks thereafter, as required, covering a maximum period of 12 weeks.
 - b. Maternity leave is not en-cashable and cannot be accumulated.

5. PROCEDURE

- a. A Resident / fellow requiring to proceed on Maternity Leave must inform her Chief Resident and submit the completed 'leave application' (Annexure: PGME/106/09-01) at least 12 weeks prior to the date from which the leave is required and must state the period for which leave would be required.
 - b. In case of overlap of leave with another rotation, the Chief Resident of current specialty will inform to the Chief Resident of next rotation.

- c. The Chief Resident will forward the leave application to Programme Director/ Coordinator, who after approving, will forward it to the Human Resources for processing. The Resident/ Fellow will be eligible to apply for advance salary for the duration of the Maternity Leave.
- d. The Resident / Fellow is required to submit a completed Duty Resumption Report (Annexure: PGME/106/09-02) to the Programme Director / Coordinator, with a copy to HR, within 3 days of duty resumption.
- e. The Resident/ Fellow will have to complete the extra 12 weeks of training as per CPSP policy.