

Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)

DATE: September 15, 2008

SUBJECT: DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (DEA) CERTIFICATION

PURPOSE: To comply with Federal statutes governing the use of DEA certification.

SCOPE: Resident physicians in General Surgery Training Programs.

POLICY:

Trainees are expected to obtain DEA certification as soon as possible, after they have obtained medical licensure in the State of California.

First-year trainees without medical licensure may write and sign outpatient prescriptions only if such prescriptions will be filled within the facility to which they are assigned.

Trainees without DEA certification are forbidden from using the DEA and medical license numbers of other resident physicians to write outpatient prescriptions.

Outpatient prescriptions to be filled outside of the institution should be written by a physician, either attending physician or resident physician who possesses valid DEA and medical license numbers.

Failure to comply with this policy may result in disciplinary action and/or dismissal.