

Policies and Procedures

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PURPOSE

In compliance with the ACGME Institutional and Common Program Requirements, it is the goal of Creighton University to outline the departmental policy on Resident Supervision for Creighton University School of Medicine (Phoenix) Internal Medicine Residency Program. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that residents/fellows in the Internal Medicine residency program receive adequate faculty supervision. The program is designed to balance the educational needs of residents/fellows with the mission to provide the highest quality patient care.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all internal medicine residents under the sponsorship of Creighton University School of Medicine (Phoenix) Program.

DEFINITIONS

Levels of Supervision

1. Direct supervision
The supervising physician is physically present with the resident during the key portions of the patient interaction or
2. Indirect supervision
The supervising physician is not providing physical or concurrent visual or audio supervision but is immediately available to the resident for guidance and is available to provide appropriate direct supervision.
3. Oversight
The supervising physician is available to provide review of procedures/encounters with feedback provided after care is delivered.

POLICY

The Internal Medicine departmental policy on Resident Supervision is listed below, along with a link to access Creighton University policy.

All patient care activities in which the residents are engaged will take place under the supervision of qualified faculty members, as approved by the program director (PD).

- A. The level of supervision provided will depend on the following factors:
- a) the resident/fellow level of skill, training, and experience, which is assessed by the faculty, the PD, and the department's Clinical Competency Committee.
 - b) the acuity, severity or complexity of the patient's illness
 - c) the discretion of the attending, resident/fellow, or PD; i.e. more direct supervision will be provided if requested

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- B. Responsibilities of supervising faculty
- All patients under the care of residents and fellows are assigned to a supervising physician, who is ultimately responsible and accountable for the patient's care.
 - The supervising physician is also responsible for assessing the level of supervision which is appropriate based on the above factors. Supervising physician must be available at all times, in person or by phone/pager, according to a rotating call schedule. The supervising physician should make sure that residents/fellow know how to contact him/her if they have questions.
- C. Residents and Fellows providing care for patients are responsible for the following:
- must accurately report all pertinent patient data to the attending in a timely fashion
 - must accurately represent their level of skill, training and experience to the attending and should, in particular, make their limitations known
 - must log all their procedures in New Innovations
 - must notify the supervising physician immediately**
 - in the event that a patient has a significant change in condition, code status, treatment or discharge plan;**
 - if a patient is transferred to the ICU or to a different service;**
 - in the event of a patient death or adverse event; or in any circumstance requiring a higher level of supervision.**
 - All procedures performed by residents and fellows must be done under supervision of qualified personnel. Qualified personnel may include faculty, residents/fellows in Internal Medicine, or other healthcare professionals who have satisfied the criteria for independent performance of said procedure.

REFERENCES.

ACGME Program Requirements: <https://www.acgme.org/Specialties/Program-Requirements-and-FAQs-and-Applications/pfcatid/2/Internal%20Medicine>

American Board of Internal Medicine Policies Link: <https://www.abim.org/certification/policies/internal-medicine-subspecialty-policies/internal-medicine.aspx>

Creighton University GME Policy link:

<https://medschool.creighton.edu/sites/medschool.creighton.edu/files/gme-resident-supervision.pdf>

AMENDMENTS OR TERMINATION OF THIS POLICY

Creighton University reserves the right to modify, amend or terminate this policy at any time.

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