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PURPOSE

Supervision in the setting of graduate medical education provides safe and effective care to patients; ensures each resident's development of the skills, knowledge, and attitudes required to enter the unsupervised practice of medicine; and establishes a foundation for continued professional growth.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all Creighton University Pathology Residents.

POLICY

- A. The department of Pathology adheres to the general GME policy on supervision.
- B. During working hours (8am-5pm Monday through Friday), residents are directly supervised in all activities with faculty either in the same room as the resident or readily available via cell phone or pager. If faculty is unavailable, perform their clinical responsibilities/supervise a resident, the faculty is expected to arrange coverage within the department and communicate that coverage to the resident and covering faculty.
- C. Residents take at-home call during non-working hours (5pm-8am Monday through Friday and all-day Saturdays and Sundays). First year residents do not take call per ACGME policy. First year residents may perform autopsies on the weekend according to the autopsy supervision policy. An attending physician is always available as backup for the resident on call and may be contacted at the resident's discretion. For the following situations an attending faculty must be contacted to provide supervision, with the level of supervision at the discretion of the attending faculty:
 1. Frozen section diagnosis
 2. Rapid cytology adequacy/diagnosis
 3. Stat review peripheral blood smear review for schistocytes
 4. Peripheral blood smear review for blasts/acute leukemia
 5. Death potentially due to transfusion reaction
 6. Hemolytic transfusion reaction
 7. Critical value, unable to reach a health care professional caring for patient
 8. Serious disagreement potentially affecting patient care with ordering physician
- D. Autopsy supervision

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1. For the first three autopsies that a resident performs they must be directly supervised by a PGY3-4 resident or a faculty member. This supervision is documented via the Anatomic pathology Supervised Procedures Documentation Form.
2. Following their first three autopsies all residents may perform autopsies with indirect supervision. The residents must discuss the autopsy with an attending physician prior to beginning the autopsy.

REFERENCES

<https://www.acgme.org/>

AMENDMENTS OR TERMINATION OF THIS POLICY

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

The GME policy supersedes all program level policies regarding this area/topic. In the event of any discrepancies between program policies and the GME policy, the GME policy shall govern.