

Policies and Procedures

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PURPOSE

Supervision in the setting of graduate medical education provides safe and effective care to patients; ensures each fellow 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 Pulmonary and Critical Care Fellows.

POLICY

- A. The department of Pulmonary and Critical Care adheres to the general GME policy on supervision.
- B. To promote appropriate fellow supervision while providing for graded authority and responsibility, the following classification of supervision are listed as follows:
 - a. **Direct Supervision:** the supervising physician is physically present with the fellow during the key portions of the patient interaction; or the supervising physician and/or patient is not physically present with the fellow and the supervising physician is concurrently monitoring the patient care through appropriate telecommunication technology.
 - b. **Indirect Supervision:** the supervising physician is not providing physical or concurrent visual or audio supervision but is immediately available to the fellow for guidance and is available to provide appropriate direct supervision.
 - c. **Oversight Supervision:** the supervising physician is available to provide review of procedures/encounters with feedback provided after care is delivered.
- C. It is the responsibility of each supervising physician to ensure that their level of supervision is adequate for each house staff physician at all times.
- D. There are circumstances in which all residents and fellows, regardless of level of training and experience, must verbally communicate with their appropriate supervisor (i.e., resident to fellow, fellow to attending physician).

Circumstances in which the resident MUST contact the supervising fellow:

1. Anytime questions arise regarding patient care
2. At the request of the bedside nurse
3. Every ICU admission
4. General ward consultations for urgent conditions
5. Transfer of any patient to a higher level of care
6. Code Blue Team activation
7. Change in DNR status
8. Patient/family dissatisfaction or request for a care meeting

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9. Patient requesting discharge AMA
10. EVERY procedure
11. Patient death
12. Prior to any extubation
13. Initiation of vasopressors

Circumstances in which the first-year fellow MUST contact the supervising attending:

1. Anytime questions arise regarding patient care
2. Every ICU admission
3. General ward consultations for urgent conditions
4. Transfer of any patient to a higher level of care
5. Code Blue Team activation
6. Change in DNR status
7. Patient/family dissatisfaction or request for a care meeting
8. Patient requesting discharge AMA
9. Any procedure not credentialed by the Clinical Competency Committee
10. Patient death

Circumstances in which the second-year fellow MUST contact the supervising attending:

1. Every ICU admission
2. General ward consultations for urgent conditions
3. Transfer of any patient to a higher level of care
4. Code Blue Team activation
5. Patient/family dissatisfaction or request for a care meeting
6. Patient requesting discharge AMA
7. Any procedure not credentialed by the Clinical Competency Committee
8. Patient death

Circumstances in which the third-year fellow MUST contact the supervising attending:

1. Every ICU admission if unstable
2. General ward consultations for urgent conditions if unstable
3. Transfer of any patient to a higher level of care if unstable
4. Code Blue Team activation
5. Any procedure not credentialed by the Clinical Competency Committee
6. Patient death

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Each resident/fellow must know the limits of his/her scope of authority, and the circumstances under which he/she is permitted to act with conditional independence.

REFERENCES

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

<https://www.creighton.edu/medicine/residencies-fellowships/residencies-fellowships-omaha/graduate-medical-education-office/policies>

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.