



## **Graduate Medical Education Policy**

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**Policy Title:** **Resident Supervision** (Each program must have a policy on supervision specific to their program which also meet the following institutional standard.)

**Purpose:** To describe the methods of supervision of OSU-CHS residents and fellows and the hierarchy of responsibility of residents, fellows and attending physicians in patient care activities for training within OSU-CHS residency and fellowship programs.

The attending physician is ultimately responsible for the care of the patient. To assure the provision of high-quality patient care in the graduate medical education environment, residents and fellows must be supervised. Supervision will be provided at the appropriate level of supervision (as defined by ACGME) to provide safe and effective care to patients. For many aspects of care, the supervising physician may be a more advanced resident or fellow. Qualified supervising residents and fellows that have been approved by the program director will be available at all assigned times as well as the supervising faculty member.

### **Resident Supervision**

Supervising faculty are available to provide supervision, depending on the resident's level of training and ability as well as patient acuity, complexity, and severity of the patient's problems. Supervising faculty are always available on-site in the Emergency Department. PGY-I residents must have direct supervision immediately available by either more senior residents or supervising faculty. As residents progress through their training, they assume increasing responsibility for patient care based on their level of training, experience, and individual abilities. The program director of each residency/fellowship program determines the level of each resident based on his/her demonstrated competence.

**Hierarchy of Responsibility:** Responsibility for the residents and fellows is delegated to the Program Director of each resident and fellowship program. The program director has the authority to assign supervising faculty in each program.

Faculty supervision assignments must be of sufficient duration to assess the knowledge and skills of each resident and to delegate to the resident the appropriate level of patient care authority and responsibility. Supervision should be structured such that it ensures each resident's development of the skills, knowledge and attitudes required to enter the unsupervised practice of medicine.

**Compliance:** The Program Director or designee is responsible for monitoring compliance with the supervision policy for patient care and performance of procedures by residents. Resident and fellow procedure privilege documentation is maintained in the Graduate Medical Education Office and readily available to faculty and nursing personnel.