

University of Colorado School of Medicine

Graduate Medical Education

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Purpose

To ensure that residents are provided adequate and appropriate levels of supervision at all times during the course of the educational training experience and to ensure that patient care is delivered in a safe manner.

Policy

All residents working in clinical settings must be supervised by a licensed physician. Within the State of Colorado the supervising physician must hold a regular faculty or clinical faculty appointment from the University of Colorado School of Medicine. For clinical rotations occurring outside of Colorado the supervising physician must be approved by the training program director.

Supervision must be provided in such a way that residents assume progressively increasing responsibility according to level of education, ability and experience.

Each program must specify in writing the type and level of supervision required for each level of the program. Levels of supervision must be consistent with JCAHO regulations for supervision of trainees. The required type and level of supervision for residents performing invasive procedures must be clearly delineated.

Faculty schedules will be structured to provide residents with continuous supervision and consultation.

Process

Each program will maintain current call schedules with accurate information enabling residents, at all times, to obtain timely access and support from a supervising faculty member. Verification of required levels of supervision for invasive procedures will be accomplished as part of the Internal Review process. Programs must advise the Associate Dean for GME, in writing, of proposed changes in previously approved levels of supervision for invasive procedures. The GMEC Committee must approve requests for significant changes in levels of supervision.

The Program Director will ensure that all program policies relating to supervision are distributed to residents and faculty who supervise residents. A copy of the program policy on Supervision must be included in the official Program Manual and provided to each resident upon matriculation into the program.