

**Policy on Resident Supervision  
Graduate Medical Education Committee  
Children's National Medical Center**

- I. **Scope:** This policy applies to all residents in training programs at Children's National Medical Center (CNMC).
- II. **Definitions:**
- The term "resident" refers to all graduate medical trainees, including interns, residents, and fellows
  - Post-graduate Training Program refers to an internship, residency or fellowship educational program.
- III. **Responsibility:**
- The Program Directors and attending physicians who teach and supervise residents at CNMC and all other training sites must comply with this policy.
  - The Program Director, with the assistance of attending physician(s) must assure that residents are appropriately supervised.
  - Residents will be monitored and supervised by a teaching staff in such a way that the residents assume progressively increasing responsibility according to their level of education, ability, and experience.
  - Each ACGME-accredited program will adopt a program specific policy that is consistent with the standards in this policy.
  - A copy of all ACGME-accredited program supervision policy will be kept on file in the GME office.
  - The Program Directors for ACGME-accredited programs will define general responsibilities for resident at each level.
  - The Program Director, with the assistance of attending physician(s) will assess residents' competence as the basis for determining the minimum level of supervision required for different activities. The Program Director shall outline the objective criteria used to evaluate residents' progressive ability.
  - On-call schedules for teaching staff are structured to ensure that supervision is readily available to residents on duty.
  - The resident must be aware of his/her level of training, specific clinical experience, judgment, knowledge, and technical skill. The resident must not independently perform procedures or treatments, or management plans that he/she is unauthorized to perform, or lacks the skill and training to perform.
  - Residents on duty must contact the attending physician or designee if:
    1. a new patient is admitted to the attending physician.
    2. a patient undergoes significant change in status, such as unexpected transfer to a higher level of care.
    3. a resident is unsure of the appropriate medical care for a patient.
  - The resident is responsible for communicating to the attending physician any significant issues regarding patient care.

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