

Medical Education Policy: Indirect Supervision of Bedside Procedures

Facility: CMC

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Sponsor: GMEC

PURPOSE:

The program must demonstrate the appropriate level of supervision is in place for all residents. Levels of supervision are based on each resident's level of training and ability, as well as patient complexity and acuity.

Specifically, resident bedside procedure supervision certification is published through Carilion's resident personnel management database, MedHub, and accessible with Inpatient, Outpatient and Ambulatory Epic access, as a means of communicating to patient care providers the level of supervision that is required for residents performing bedside procedures.

SCOPE:

This Policy applies to all Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME), and Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) accredited post-graduate training programs sponsored by Carilion Medical Center (CMC).

DEFINITIONS:

Direct Supervision: The Supervising Physician is physically present with the resident and the patient. The supervising physician is physically present with the resident during the key portions of the patient interaction. The specialty Review Committee may further specify conditions under which a resident progresses to indirect supervision.

Indirect Supervision: The supervising physician is not providing physical or concurrent visual or audio supervision but is immediately available to the resident for guidance, and is available to provide appropriate direct supervision.

Resident: refers to all interns, residents, and fellows participating in CMC post graduate training programs.

Program Director: The designated individual with authority and accountability for the operation of a residency/fellowship program, including compliance with all applicable program requirements.

PROCEDURE:

Each residency program must develop and maintain a list of bedside procedures residents will perform routinely during their training program. The Program Director is responsible for determining if an individual resident may be indirectly supervised (see GMEC Supervision Policy) for a given bedside procedure. The Program Director will update the bedside procedure lists in MedHub or other CMC adopted registry when the resident has demonstration competency.

It will be assumed that a resident will be directly supervised for all bedside procedures if the MedHub documentation is absent or ambiguous.

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