



School of Medicine

Supervision Policy

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Objective: Supervision of all residents and fellows during patient care is required throughout their training period and is an integral part of the learning experience. The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) has defined different levels of supervision as follows:

- **Direct Supervision:** supervising physician physically present with the resident and patient
- **Indirect Supervision with Direct Supervision Immediately Available:** supervising physician is physically within the facility and immediately available to provide Direct Supervision
- **Indirect Supervision with Direct Supervision Available:** supervising physician is not physically present in the facility but is immediately available by phone and is available to provide Direct Supervision, if necessary
- **Oversight:** supervising physician is available to provide review and feedback after the care has been delivered

Policy:

1. All inpatient and outpatient care rendered by resident and fellow physicians shall be under faculty supervision.
2. Patient care is ultimately the responsibility of the attending physician and involved consultants.
3. Residents and fellows are to adhere to the supervision policies of each participating site.
4. Each training program must have a supervision policy that defines supervision levels for their specialty and may include adaptations for the graduated responsibilities of the learner.

Oversight: It will be the responsibility of the Graduate Medical Education (GME) Council to ensure that each sponsored program meets the expectation of this policy. This includes the periodic review of program supervision policies as part of the procedure of reviewing program's Annual Program Evaluations. The UMKC GME Council chair will report to the Medical Executive Committee annually concerning supervisory needs of the residents and fellows.

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