

MMC Resident Supervision Policy

Each participant in Graduate Medical Education programs who has patient care responsibilities at Maine

Medical Center, consistent with the requirements of the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical

Education (ACGME), shall be supervised by a licensed independent practitioner who has been granted

appropriate clinical privileges.

Consistent with ACGME requirements, residency program directors at MMC will prepare explicit

written descriptions of the roles, responsibilities, and patient care activities of participants in professional graduate education programs, consistent with Section 3-5 of the Maine Medical Center

Medical Staff Rules and Regulations. These explicit written descriptions shall be made available to the

medical staff and shall include identification of the mechanisms by which the participant's supervisor(s)

and graduate education program director make decisions about each participant's progressive involvement and independence in specific patient care activities.

The ACGME requires that residents have rapid, reliable systems for communicating with supervising faculty, and that both faculty and residents collectively have responsibility for the

safety and welfare of patients. Therefore, the “Two-Challenge rule” must be implemented in all

programs as one of multiple methods to ensure patient safety. The Two-Challenge Rule must

incorporate in each residency-specific written policy, and the supervision policy must be reviewed

annually by the residents and teaching faculty. The Program Director and Department Chief are

responsible for monitoring appropriate resident supervision.

The Graduate Medical Education Committee shall communicate with the Medical Staff Executive

Committee about the safety and quality of patient care provided by and the related educational and

supervisory needs of the participants in professional graduate education programs, as requested by the

Medical Staff Executive Committee, at least annually. The Graduate Medical Education Committee

shall also periodically communicate with the Board Education and Research Committee about the

educational needs and performance of the participants in the program .

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