



Policies and Procedures

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Purpose

All residents are to carry out their clinical responsibilities under the supervision of a licensed practitioner.

Policy

To define the process for supervision of physicians by a licensed practitioner at Methodist Medical Family Medicine Clinic.

General Guidelines for Supervision

The following categorize the levels of physician supervision. These levels pertain to supervision by an attending physician as well as those instances where an upper level physician serves as a supervisor to other physicians.

Personal: The supervising physician is physically present and personally involved in the procedure.

Direct: The supervising physician is immediately present for assistance and consultation.

Indirect with direct supervision immediately available: The resident seeing patients in the FMP and the supervising physician faculty member in the precepting room is immediately available to see the patient together with the resident as needed.

Indirect with direct supervision available: A resident is on call for the FM service and needs advice from the physician faculty member in order to manage the patient's care. This can be done either by telephone or electronically. After communication with the resident, if the physician faculty member determines additional assistance is needed, he or she is available and able to go to the hospital and see the patient together with the resident.

General Guidelines for Entries in the Medical Record

Entries made in the medical record by residents require countersignature by the attending physician.