SUPERVISION OF PATIENT CARE PROVIDED BY POST-GRADUATE TRAINEES (RESIDENTS) 9200-211

Purpose:
In accordance with NYS DOH 405.4, the purpose of this policy is to “set forth the principles governing medical practice by postgraduate trainees, including guidelines on circumstances requiring supervision and consultation”.

Procedure

Postgraduate trainees may qualify for appointment to the Graduate Staff provided they meet the eligibility criteria stipulated in the general “Resident Eligibility and Selection Process” (GME policy and procedure) and the eligibility criteria stipulated in “Eligibility and Selection Process” Policy for the individual program to which they are applying.

Postgraduate trainees may provide patient care services only (1) as part of one of NewYork-Presbyterian Queens’ sponsored training programs or (2) as part of a training program with which NYPQ has an affiliation or participating agreement (rotating postgraduate trainees).

Participating agreements must include the term of the rotation and the departmental faculty who will be responsible for the rotating postgraduate trainee’s supervision.

All postgraduate trainees including rotating trainees will be credentialed according to the “Graduate Staff Credentialing Procedure”.

Prior to being permitted to provide patient care services, postgraduate trainees must be appointed to the Graduate Staff by the Board of Trustees at the recommendation of the Medical Board.

Only physicians, podiatrists or dentists credentialed by the Medical Board to provide patient care in their respective specialty may supervise postgraduate trainees in medicine, internal and/or relevant specialties, pediatrics, obstetrics, emergency medicine, podiatry, dental medicine, and surgery.

There must be a sufficient number of supervising physicians present to meet reasonable and expected demand.

On-site supervision of routine hospital care and invasive procedures performed by postgraduate trainees can be carried out by postgraduate trainees who have completed at least one year (PGY-1) of postgraduate training, if and only if the patient’s attending physician or supervising physician is immediately available by telephone and readily available when needed. [More detailed requirements for specific procedures are left to the judgement of the trainee’s program and departmental leadership.]
The Department Chair and program director shall take disciplinary action and other corrective measures against trainees providing services that exceed the scope of their privileges.

Each program with postgraduate trainees shall have policies defining the supervision of their postgraduate trainees in their discipline.

Physicians, dentists, and podiatrist credentialed by the Medical Board must be present to supervise postgraduate trainees in outpatient areas.

Supervision of postgraduate trainees in the outpatient setting must be documented in the medical record.

Each postgraduate training program shall monitor the supervision of postgraduate trainees as part of their Quality Assurance activities.

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