Intern Supervision Guidelines,
General Surgery Training Program
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Competencies define procedures or activities that the residents can usually perform without on site supervision: The underlying patient condition and complexity of the procedure might dictate the need for direct supervision and physical presence of the attending physician. Whenever a question arises about resident/clinical fellow competency to perform a procedure independently, the attending physician should be consulted.

R1 First Year Surgery Resident

Airway management, stable/unstable, trauma: Adult
Anesthesia - local: Adult/Pediatrics
Anesthesia - field block: Adult/Pediatrics
Ankle-brachial index: Adult/Pediatrics
Anoscopy - with biopsy: Adult
Anoscopy - without biopsy: Adult
Arterial line -insert and remove: Adult
Bladder irrigation: Adult
Blood gases (arterial): Adult
Cardiopulmonary resuscitation - closed: Adult
Cast/splint (apply and remove) - for immobilization/protection: Adult
Chest tube -remove: Adult/Pediatrics
Compartment pressure measurement: Adult
Cricothyroidotomoy, emergency: Adult
Cultures (urine/sputum/wound): Adult/Pediatrics
Defibrillation: Adult
Doppler study - venous: Adult/Pediatrics
Doppler study - arterial: Adult/Pediatrics
Doppler study - graft/fistula: Adult/Pediatrics
Drainage tube (fluid/blood pus - not chest or mediastinal) - remove: Adult/Pediatrics
Drug administration - intravenous: Adult/Pediatrics
Endotracheal suctioning: Adult
Foley catheter - insert and remove: Adult
Gastric lavage: Adult/Pediatrics
Incision and drainage, abscess/fluid collection/cyst: Adult/Pediatrics
Laceration repair: Adult
Lumbar puncture: Adult
Mediastinal tube - remove: Adult
Nasal packing - anterior: Adult
NG tube - insert and remove: Adult/Pediatrics
Other wound care - not debridement (change/replace dressing; clean): Adult/Pediatrics
Pacemaker/pacer wires, transthoracic - remove: Adult
Pacemaker/pacer wires, transvenous - remove: Adult
Perform/interpret lab tests (spin Hct, UA/EKG/gram stain/peripheral smear/etc.): Adult/Pediatrics
Phlebotomy - including blood cultures: Adult/Pediatrics
Pulmonary artery catheter - remove: Adult
Rectal tube - insert and remove: Adult/Pediatrics
Remove foreign body: Adult
Sutures/staples - insert and remove: Adult/Pediatrics
Venous line - insert and remove: Adult/Pediatrics
Wound debridement: Adult/Pediatrics