PGY4 Supervision Guidelines
General Surgery Residency,
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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.

R4 Fourth Year Surgery Resident

Abdominal entry: Veress Needle
Abdominal entry: Hassan Technique
Airway management, stable/unstable, trauma: Adult/Pediatrics
Anesthesia - local: Adult/Pediatrics
Anesthesia - field block: Adult/Pediatrics
Anesthesia - peripheral nerve block: Adult/Pediatrics
Ankle-brachial index: Adult/Pediatrics
Arterial line - insert and remove: Adult/Pediatrics
Arthrocentesis - lower extremity: Adult
Arthrocentesis - upper extremity: Adult
Bladder irrigation: Adult/Pediatrics
Blood gases - arterial: Adult/Pediatrics
Bronchoscopy - Adult
Cardiopulmonary resuscitation - closed: Adult/Pediatrics
Cardiopulmonary resuscitation - open: Adult/Pediatrics
Cardioversion: Adult/Pediatrics
Cast/splint (apply and remove) - for fracture: Adult/Pediatrics
Cast/splint (apply and remove) - for immobilization/protection: Adult/Pediatrics
Central Venous line - insert and remove: Adult/Pediatrics
Chest tube - insert and remove: Adult/Pediatrics
Compartment pressure measurement: Adult/Pediatrics
Cricothyroidotomy, emergency: Adult/Pediatrics
Cultures (urine/sputum/wound): Adult/Pediatrics
Cutdown (venous) - insert and remove: Adult/Pediatrics
Cutdown (arterial) - insert and remove: Adult/Pediatrics
Defibrillation: Adult/Pediatrics
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) - insert and remove: Adult/Pediatrics
Drug administration - intravenous: Adult/Pediatrics
Drug administration - intra-arterial: Adult/Pediatrics
Endotracheal suctioning: Adult/Pediatrics
Endotracheal/nasotracheal intubation: Adult/Pediatrics
Foley catheter - insert and remove: Adult/Pediatrics
Gastric lavage: Adult/Pediatrics
Incision and drainage, abscess/fluid collection/cyst: Adult/Pediatrics
Incision for laparotomy
Laceration repair: Adult/Pediatrics
Laryngoscopy: Adult/Pediatrics
Long intestinal tube - insert and remove: Adult/Pediatrics
Lumbar puncture: Adult/Pediatrics
Mediastinal tube - insert and remove: Adult
Nasal packing - anterior: Adult/Pediatrics
Nasal packing - posterior: Adult/Pediatrics
NG tube - insert and remove: Adult/Pediatrics
Other resuscitation: Adult/Pediatrics
Other wound care - not debridement (change/replace dressing; clean): Adult/Pediatrics
Pacemaker/pacer wires, transthoracic - insert and remove: Adult
Pacemaker/pacer wires, transvenous - insert and remove: Adult
Paracentesis/acute PD catheter: Adult/Pediatrics
Percutaneous needle aspiration/drainage/biopsy for fluid collection/cyst/abscess/mass: Adult/Pediatrics
Perform/interpret lab tests (spin Hct/do, UA/EKG/gram stain/peripheral smear/etc.): Adult/Pediatrics
Pericardiocentesis: Adult
Peritoneal lavage: Adult/Pediatrics
Phlebotomy (including blood cultures): Adult/Pediatrics
Pleurodesis: Adult/Pediatrics
Pulmonary artery catheter - insert and remove: Adult
Rectal tube - insert and remove: Adult/Pediatrics
Remove foreign body: Adult/Pediatrics
Sclerosis, other (eg, seroma): Adult/Pediatrics
Sigmoidoscopy/anoscopy - with biopsy: Adult
Sigmoidoscopy/anoscopy - without biopsy: Adult
Sutures/staples - insert and remove: Adult/Pediatrics
Thoracentesis: Adult/Pediatrics
Thoractomy, emergency: Adult/Pediatrics
Tracheotomy, emergency: Adult
Umbilical artery catheter - insert and remove: Pediatrics
Venous line - insert and remove: Adult/Pediatrics
Wound debridement: Adult/Pediatrics