PURPOSE
The Creighton University School of Medicine Gastroenterology Fellowship located at St. Joseph’s Hospital and Medical Center maintains an environment of learning and training by the interaction of fellows, attending and faculty. The program complies with the ACGME guidelines for levels of supervision. In addition to this policy, the program has established rotation specific fellow/attending responsibility guidelines.

SCOPE
This policy applies to the Gastroenterology Fellows in the Creighton University School of Medicine/St. Joseph’s Hospital and Medical Center (Phoenix) program. Creighton Resident Supervision Policy

DEFINITION:
Levels of Supervision are defined by the ACGME as:
1. Direct Supervision (VI.A.2.c).(1) – the supervising physician is physically present with the fellow and patient
2. Indirect supervision
   a) VI.A.2.c).(2).(a) – Direct Supervision immediately available –the supervising physician is physically within the hospital or other site of patient care, and is immediately available to provide Direct Supervision.
   b) VI.A.2.c).(2).(b) – Direct Supervision available – the supervising physician is not physically present within the hospital or other site of patient care, but is immediately available by means of telephonic and/or electronic modalities, and is available to provide Direct Supervision.
3. Oversight (VI.A.2.c).(3) – the supervising physician is available to provide review of procedures/encounters with feedback provided after care is delivered.

POLICY:
All patient care activities in which the fellows are engaged will take place under the supervision of the supervising faculty at the participating/rotation sites as approved by the Program Director (PD).
1. The level of supervision provided will depend on the following factors:
   a) the fellow’s level of skill, training, and experience, which is assessed by the faculty, the PD, and the department’s Clinical Competency Committee.
   b) the acuity, severity or complexity of the patient’s illness
2. c) the discretion of the attending, supervising fellow, or PD, i.e., additional direct supervision.

When a fellow is engaged in patient care at an off-site facility, the supervising faculty responsible for that rotation and will oversee the supervision in accordance to this document.

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- In every level of supervision, the supervising faculty must see the patient, review progress notes, sign procedural and operative notes and discharge summaries.
- Supervising faculty must be continuously present to provide supervision in ambulatory settings, and be actively involved in the provision of care, as assigned.
- The supervising faculty has both an ethical and a legal responsibility for the overall care of the individual patient and for the supervision of the fellow involved in the care of the patient. Although senior fellows may require less direction than junior fellows, even the most senior trainee must be supervised.
- When internal medicine residents and students are rotating within the Gastroenterology division, supervision of patient care falls under the responsibility of the fellow as well as the supervising faculty.

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### REFERENCES
Creighton University GME Policy link: [https://medschool.creighton.edu/sites/medschool.creighton.edu/files/gme-resident-supervision.pdf](https://medschool.creighton.edu/sites/medschool.creighton.edu/files/gme-resident-supervision.pdf)

### AMENDMENTS OR TERMINATION OF THIS POLICY
Creighton University reserves the right to modify, amend or terminate this policy at any time.

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