PURPOSE

The GMEC must monitor programs’ supervision of residents and ensure that supervision is consistent with:
   a. Provision of safe and effective patient care;
   b. Educational needs of residents;
   c. Progressive responsibility appropriate to residents’ level of education, competence, and experience; and,
   d. Other applicable Common and specialty/subspecialty-specific Program requirement.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all Creighton University Child & Adolescent Psychiatry Fellows.

POLICY

1. All patient care will be supervised by qualified professionals. The majority of these supervisors are Board Certified Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists.
2. Supervisors will be available to fellows 24 hours 7 days a week on a rotational basis via cell phone or pager.
3. On the Inpatient service patients will be seen with the attending for several hours daily.
4. At the RTC the fellows will spend 3-4 hours with the attending 4 days per week.
5. At the outpatient clinic fellows will receive at least 2 hours of formal scheduled supervision each week. Faculty will be available for impromptu supervision whenever fellows are in the clinic. For each new patient, the supervisor will see the patient with the fellow for a crucial portion of the evaluation. All fellow paperwork will be reviewed and signed by the supervising faculty.
6. Each Community rotation will be supervised by a designated professional who has signed a letter of agreement to supervise the fellow while at their facility and provide feedback to the Training Program regarding the fellow’s performance.
7. On the Eating Disorder rotation, the fellows will spend several hours daily with the supervising Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist. This provider is Clinical Faculty at Creighton University and provides fellow evaluations to the Training Program as requested.
8. Compliance with this policy will be discussed at CAP Program Evaluation Committee meetings and problems will be addressed as needed. Anonymous fellow feedback about each rotation and each faculty includes questions about level of supervision received. Any deficiencies will be addressed by the Training Director.
9. The above-described standard supervision will be increased as needed to assist a fellow who is struggling or needs remediation.

Supervision Guidelines for Fellows in All Years of Training

Fellows must contact their supervisor immediately in the following situations:

1. A sudden change in a patient’s mental status
2. A sudden change in a patient’s physical status
3. A patient requesting to leave an inpatient unit against medical advice
4. When a life-threatening medical error has been made
5. When a patient presents as acutely suicidal or homicidal
6. When a patient has assaulted a staff member or another patient

REFERENCES

https://www.acgme.org/

AMENDMENTS OR TERMINATION OF THIS POLICY

Creighton University reserves the right to modify, amend or terminate this policy at any time.

The GME policy supersedes all program level policies regarding this area/topic. In the event of any discrepancies between program policies and the GME policy, the GME policy shall govern.