### PURPOSE

The GMEC must monitor programs’ supervision of residents and ensure that supervision is consistent with:

- Provision of safe and effective patient care;
- Educational needs of residents;
- Progressive responsibility appropriate to residents’ level of education, competence, and experience; and,
- Other applicable Common and specialty/subspecialty-specific Program requirement.

### SCOPE

This policy applies to all Creighton University Colon and Rectal Surgery Residents.

### POLICY

Residents are under direct supervision by the attending physicians on all services. During the evening hours and on weekends, the faculty member on call for each service is to be called for all admissions, questions regarding the management of a patient, or a change in status of a patient.

Since colon and rectal surgery residents come to our program as a PGY 6, they are already expected to be competent in the six core competencies from general surgery. However, each resident comes with a different background and skill set. The resident is evaluated continually with direct observation and written evaluations so their responsibilities are extended as they prove competence.

### Protocols of Common Circumstances requiring Faculty involvement:

Certain circumstances with patient care require faculty involvement, for example: do not resuscitate initiation, decline in clinical status and complicated clinical and social circumstances. The resident is required to notify faculty of these circumstances or any circumstance to help facilitate proper care of the patient and patient’s family. If the direct faculty is not immediately available (i.e. occupied in a surgical case), any faculty could be notified to assist in these circumstances. The resident should not be acting alone in these complicated circumstances.
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.