

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER

DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS

POLICY ON SUPERVISION OF RESIDENTS

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Attending Physician Supervision

- The attending physician is responsible for official consultations of each specialty team. When trainees are involved in consultation services, the attending physician will be responsible for supervision of these residents.
- Within the scope of training program, all residents, without exception, will function under the supervision of attending physicians. A responsible attending physician must be immediately available to the resident in person, pager, or mobile phone and able to be present within a reasonable period of time (generally considered to be within 30 minutes of contact), if needed.
- It is expected that an appropriately privileged attending will be available for supervision during clinic hours. Patients followed in more than one clinic will have an identifiable attending physician for each clinic. Attending physicians are responsible for ensuring the coordination of care that is provided to patients.

Post-Graduate Levels of Supervision

- The training program is structured to encourage and permit residents to assume increasing levels of responsibility commensurate with their individual progress in experience, skill, knowledge and judgment.
- Residents are given progressive responsibility for the care of the patient. The determination of a resident's ability to provide care to patients without a supervisor present or to act in a teaching capacity will be based on documented evaluation of the resident's clinical experience, judgment, knowledge, and technical skills. The attending physician may decide which activities the resident will be allowed to perform within the context of the assigned levels of responsibility.
- The documentation of the assignment of graduated levels of responsibility will be made available to other staff as appropriate.
- To ensure that any resident is not left unsupervised (when attending clinician is not present)
 - Third-year residents may supervise second-year residents and interns.
 - Second and third-year residents may supervise interns.
- In the event that any junior resident or intern requires supervision, the senior residents in their respective rotation must be available at all times by pager and telephone (mobile phone) for immediate contact.
- The Chief Resident is responsible for assigning appropriate resident staffing at different inpatient and outpatient services, and acts as liaison between residents and faculty.