

The Medical College of Georgia

House Staff Policies and Procedures

Policy
HS 9.0 House Officer Supervision

Source
Graduate Medical Education Office

1.0 Purpose

To provide an Institutional statement regarding Residency supervision as required by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education and the Joint Commission by the Accreditation of Health Care Organizations.

2.0 Procedure

- 2.1 The following procedures will be followed in the supervision of varying levels of House Officers.
- 2.2 The attending physician has the overall responsibility for the care of the individual patient and supervision of House Officer(s) involved in the care of the patient. However, House Officer(s) must assume progressively increasing responsibility according to their level of education, ability and experience.
- 2.3 There must be sufficient Institutional oversight to assure that House Officers are appropriately supervised. House Officers must be supervised by teaching staff in such a way that the House Officer assumes progressively increasing responsibility according to their level of education, ability and experience. On-call schedules for teaching staff must be structured to ensure that supervision is readily available to House Officers on duty. The level of responsibility accorded to each House Officer must be determined by the teaching staff. Faculty members must always be immediately available for consultation and support.
- 2.4 Supervision of House Officers must be specified in the policies, procedures, rule and/or regulations of each Department. Evidence of such supervision must be documented in the form of signed notes in patient charts and or other records and be made available, if requested, by the respective RRC site visitor.

The term House Officer is use as a generic term to include interns, residents and fellows in an approved ACGME Residency Training Program at the Medical College of Georgia.

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