

GRADED RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANESTHESIA RESIDENTS

The Department of Anesthesia & Perioperative Medicine

As residents progress through their training it is expected that they should gradually have a greater degree of independence. The graded responsibility is a balance between ensuring patient safety and allowing the resident to gain confidence with independent practice. Residents that are PGY-3 or higher are expected to supervise and educate more junior trainees, including medical students. In the final year of training (PGY-5) it is expected the resident should be able to function independently, with faculty back-up.

DEFINITIONS OF LEVELS OF SUPERVISION

Close:

- Supervisor attends induction, emergence and any significant intraoperative event
- Supervisor is immediately available

Intermediate:

- Supervisor in close proximity, but not necessarily in room
- Plans for induction, maintenance and emergence need to be discussed

Independent:

- Supervisor in hospital and aware case or cases are progressing
- Supervisor is available to consult with trainee and attend OR if urgently needed
- In all independent cases, supervisor should be made aware if there are significant anesthesia related concerns prior to induction
- Independent epidural insertion only allowable after site coordinator satisfied that resident has achieved appropriate level of skill.

EXPECTED LEVEL OF SUPERVISION BY PGY TRAINING LEVEL			
TRAINING YEAR	ADULT CASES	OBSTETRIC CASES	PEDIATRIC CASES
PGY-1	Close	C-section - Close Epidural - Independent	Close
PGY-2	ASA 1 or 2 = intermediate ASA 3 or greater = close	C-section - Close Epidural - Independent	ASA 1 or 2 = intermediate ASA 3 or greater = close
PGY-3	ASA 1 or 2 = independent ASA 3 or greater = intermediate	C-section intermediate Epidural - Independent	ASA 1 or 2 = intermediate ASA 3 or greater = close
PGY- 4	ASA 1, 2 or 3 = independent ASA 4 or greater = intermediate	ASA 1 or 2 = independent ASA 3 or greater = intermediate	ASA 1 or 2 = independent ASA 3 or greater = intermediate
PGY-5	Independent	Independent	Independent

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