



SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Cardio-Oncology Fellowship
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BACKGROUND

This document pertains to fellow rotations under the auspices of the Cardio-Oncology Fellowship at Moffitt Cancer Center. All Joint Commission (JC), Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA), and CMS guidelines pertaining to graduate medical education apply to this scope of practice.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that fellows are provided adequate and appropriate levels of supervision during the course of the educational training experience and to ensure that patient care continues to be delivered in a safe manner. The privilege of progressive authority and responsibility, conditional independence, and a supervisory role in patient care delegated to each fellow is assigned by the program director and faculty members to ensure effective oversight of fellow supervision.

SUPERVISION

Each fellow must know the limits of his/her scope of authority and the circumstances under which he/she is permitted to act with conditional independence. Fellows are responsible for asking for help from the supervising physician under any circumstance in which the fellow feels uncomfortable. Supervision may be provided by more senior fellows in addition to attendings. However, all patient care must be provided under a credentialed and privileged attending physician. The attending physician is ultimately responsible for management of the individual patients and the supervision of the fellows involved in the care of the patient. Supervision must be documented in the medical record in accordance with the Cardio-Oncology Program at the University of South Florida compliance guidelines.

The program follows the ACGME classification of supervision as noted below. The supervising physician can refer to a faculty, fellow, or fellows that who has been given supervisory privilege. These supervisory levels are used throughout the Scope of Practice document.

Direct Supervision The supervising physician is physically present with the fellow and patient.

Indirect Supervision

1) With Direct Supervision Immediately Available – The supervising physician is physically within the hospital or other site of patient care and is immediately available to provide direct supervision.

2) With Direct Supervision Available – The supervising physician is not physically present within the hospital or other site of patient care but is immediately available by means of telephonic and/or electronic modalities and is available to provide direct supervision.

Oversight

The supervising physician is available to provide review of procedures/encounters with feedback after care is delivered.

The fellowship program has a curriculum for providing knowledge and performance competence that includes routine teaching sessions and mentoring. Direct patient evaluation is a core procedure of the program, and is evaluated with direct supervision. There are no diagnostic/therapeutic procedures that require competence or evaluation as part of this fellowship. Annual decisions about competence are made by the program's faculty and Program Director, to ensure a successful transition and preparation for the next PGY level and/or independent practice. All fellows need to maintain current ACLS training.

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