



SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Dermatopathology Fellowship
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This document pertains to fellow rotations under the auspices of the Dermatopathology Fellowship at USF Morsani College of Medicine, Moffitt Cancer Center and James A. Haley VA Hospital. All Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), Joint Commission (JC), Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA), and CMS guidelines pertaining to graduate medical education apply to this scope of practice.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that residents 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 resident is assigned by the program director and faculty members to ensure effective oversight of resident supervision.

Each resident must know the limits of his/her scope of authority and the circumstances under which he/she is permitted to act with conditional independence. Residents are responsible for asking for help from the supervising physician when needing guidance for case workup, and when cases are prepared and ready for final signout. Supervision may be provided by more senior residents 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 residents involved in the care of the patient. Supervision must be documented in the medical record in accordance with the Dermatopathology Fellowship 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 resident 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 resident 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 training in review, report preparation and signout of dermatopathology cases (including ordering of special and immunohistochemical stains and molecular testing), evaluation of patients in the dermatology clinic, performance of shave and punch biopsies, cryosurgery, preparation of frozen sections, and participation and presentation in defined departmental educational activities, as well as achievement of scholarly productivity. All medical procedures in the fellowship are performed under direct supervision. Annual decisions about competence are made by the program's clinical competency committee to ensure a successful transition and preparation for the next PGY level. All residents need to maintain current ACLS training.

	Supervising Physician present (Direct)	Supervising Physician in hospital and available for consultation (Indirect but direct supervision immediately available)	Supervising Physician out of hospital but available by phone or can come in (Indirect but direct supervision available)	The trainee may perform the procedure without supervising Attending/resident (oversight)	
Designated Levels	1	2	3	4	
CORE PROCEDURES-FELLOW FROM EITHER DERMATOLOGY OR PATHOLOGY RESIDENCY TRAINING BACKGROUND					PGY-4
Independently preview all dermatopathology cases, including biopsies, surgical excisions, immunofluorescence and frozen sections, before signing out with attending faculty					3
Dictate or type a preliminary report on each case, including differential diagnosis					3
At end of first month, independently order histochemical and immunohistochemical stains and molecular tests needed for proper case workup					3
Contact clinicians for clinical information needed for proper workup of cases					3
Scrub in on a limited (<5) number of cutaneous surgical cases with surgical oncology faculty					1
Present monthly dermatopathology lecture, unknown conference and Grand Rounds cases to Department of Dermatology faculty and					2

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residents					
Present biannual case conference for pathology residents					2
Photograph and prepare dermatopathology presentation for cases presented at quarterly Florida West Coast Society of Dermatology meeting					2
Present at Cutaneous Oncology multidisciplinary melanoma tumor board at least twice a year					1
Supervise rotating pathology residents and dermatology residents during case preview at USF					2
Attend and participate in all assigned educational activities for the dermatopathology fellowship					4
Maintain a log of all pathology cases reviewed					4
Prepare and present an abstract or platform presentation at one dermatopathology meeting					3
Author or co-author one manuscript that is either published or submitted for publication during fellowship					3
CORE PROCEDURES-FELLOW FROM PATHOLOGY RESIDENCY BACKGROUND					PGY-4
Evaluate patients in dermatology clinic and write note					2
Perform shave or punch biopsies in clinic					1
Perform KOH or Tzanck smears in clinic					2
Maintain a log of all clinical cases seen during fellowship					4

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CORE PROCEDURES-FELLOW FROM DERMATOLOGY RESIDENCY BACKGROUND					PGY-4
Conduct gross examination and dissection of cutaneous specimens, including biopsies, excisions, sentinel node biopsies and complete lymph node dissections					2
Participate in signout of surgical and cytology cases					1
Maintain a log of all pathology and cytopathology cases seen during fellowship					4

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