

SCOPE OF PRACTICE SUMMARY
Resident Training Program
Emergency Medicine

This document describes the usual scope of practice for Emergency Medicine Residents in training while working in the Emergency Department. While not limited to the following activities, residents at each level of training are expected to be capable of performing these activities under indirect supervision. Residents are authorized to perform any activity assigned while under the direct supervision of an appropriately credentialed attending physician.

PGY 1 Level Residents (Interns): Under indirect supervision by senior residents and/or attending physicians, major responsibilities include: 1) history and physical examination of patients; 2) accountability for all patients' care; 3) instruction of medical students; 4) proper documentation on charts, discharge summaries, and legal consents; 5) issuance of treatment orders in the medical record for ED patients; 5) assessment and formulation of treatment plans for patients in the ED; 6) participation in teaching and work rounds as scheduled by supervising physicians.

Technical skills, to include the following under the direct supervision of a senior resident, or attending physician: 1) arterial puncture, 2) bladder catheterization, 3) gastric lavage and aspiration, 4) lumbar puncture, 5) paracentesis, 6) thoracentesis, 7) venipuncture, 8) medical or trauma resuscitation, 9) neonatal resuscitation, 10) wound closure, 11) central venous line placement, 12) simple airway management and intubation, 13) emergency ultrasound, 14) arthrocentesis 15) diagnostic peritoneal lavage, 16) tube thoracostomy 17) slit lamp examination 18) incision and drainage of fluid collections; 19) EKG interpretation 20) ventilator management.

PGY-1 Level Residents may interview, examine and direct the further evaluation and treatment of patients in the Emergency Department. They are expected to review orders and test results with their supervising resident or attending physician. The Resident is required to have the attending physician sign the Emergency Department medical record before the patient is released to outpatient status, unless the patient has chosen to leave against medical advice.

PGY 2 Level Residents: Under indirect supervision by PGY-3 residents and attending physicians, major responsibilities include: 1) examination and treatment of all ED patients 2) supervision of PGY 1 residents as well as medical students; 3) participation in teaching, attending, and work rounds as scheduled; 4) proper documentation on charts, discharge summaries, and legal consents; 5) provision of health care, including history, physical, and clinical assessment of patients in the emergency department 6) evaluation and provision of care for patients being transported to the ED via Aeromed helicopter; 7) EMS medical direction.

Technical skills to include all PGY-1 skills under indirect attending supervision, and advanced airway management.

PGY-2 Level Residents may assess and treat patients in the ED under indirect supervision but are expected to have attending physicians see the patient and co-sign each chart prior to discharging patients to home.

PGY 3 Level Residents: With attending support: 1) serves as the primary physician for managing the ED 2) supervises and teaches all residents and medical students; 3) provides proper documentation in charts; discharge summaries; and legal consents; 4) runs morning report, 5) examination and treatment of all ED patients, 6) evaluation and provision of care for patients being transported to the ED via Aeromed helicopter; 7) EMS medical direction.

Technical skills to include all PGY-2 Skills under indirect attending supervision.

May assess and work up patients in the ED under indirect supervision but are expected to have attending see the patient and co-sign all charts prior to discharging patients to home.

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