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DIRECTOR OF PROGRAM: NEELESH PRAKASH, M.D.**

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In keeping with ACGME and JCAHO guidelines, the faculty and program director are responsible for providing fellows with direct experience in progressive responsibility for patient management. All patient care at the affiliated hospitals provided by fellows will be provided under direct or indirect faculty supervision. Supervision must be documented in the medical record in accordance with Musculoskeletal Imaging at the University of South Florida compliance guidelines.

Activities performed ***without direct supervision*** require access to the supervisory physician for communication and physical access ***within 30 minutes***. Activities performed with direct supervision require presence of the supervisory physician. Fellows are authorized to perform any activity assigned while under direct supervision. **Final interpretation of all diagnostic and therapeutic studies requires direct supervision.** Fellows at each postgraduate year of training, while not limited to the following activities, are specifically allowed to do these without direct supervision. This document may be modified by the program director based on additions to the training program.

- Regardless of the modality or level of training, all fellows ***must*** review all imaging examinations with an attending radiologist before dictating a final report.
- Diagnostic radiographs, mammography, fluoroscopy, intravenous urography, ultrasound, and nuclear medicine do not require both the fellow and the attending radiologist to be present during the procedure.
- Fellows may monitor intravenous contrast injections for MRI or CT.
- All procedures defined by CPT as "Supervision and Interpretation (S&I)" procedures are considered interventional. These procedures include all biopsy procedures and needle or catheter placements, regardless of the modality. "By definition, the attending radiologist ***must*** be present and supervise the fellow during the essential portion of the procedure". In essence, all invasive procedures in diagnostic radiology require direct or indirect supervision by an attending radiologist regardless of the fellow's level of training.

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