

USF PROGRAM AGREEMENT
FOR COMPLEX SPINE SURGERY
SCOPE OF PRACTICE

This document pertains to the NeuroSpine Fellowship at H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center. All ACGME guidelines pertaining to the graduate medical education program apply to this rotation.

The program director and faculty are responsible for providing the spine fellow with direct experience in progressive responsibility for patient management. All patient care provided at H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center will be under direct or indirect faculty supervision. The supervision must be documented in the medical record in accordance with the Department of Neurosurgery and Brain Repair at the University of South Florida compliance guidelines.

Activities performed with *indirect supervision* require access to the supervisory physician for communication and physical access within 30 minutes. Activities performed with *direct supervision* require the presence of the supervisory physician. Residents are authorized to perform any activity assigned while under direct supervision. Final interpretation of all diagnostic and therapeutic studies requires direct supervision. The spine fellow at his/her post residency year of training, while not limited to the following activities, are specifically allowed to perform with indirect supervision.

FELLOWS:

- A. The Spine Fellow, PGY-6 or 7 level may scrub and assist with surgery performed by Moffitt Physicians: Drs. Vrionis, Tran and Jain.
- B. The Fellow may:
 - a. Perform and dictate H&P
 - b. Write progress notes and discharge summaries
 - c. Make patient rounds
- C. Fellow may not: admit any patients to Moffitt or establish or dictate any patient's Plan of Care unless directed to do so by the attending Physician.
- D. After the Plan of Care has been established and documented by the supervising Moffitt Neurosurgeon, the Fellow may; write orders, initiate standing orders and issue verbal orders, pursuant to the documented Plan of Care, and write progress notes, but may not alter the Plan of Care without consultation and approval of the attending Physician.
- E. Issuing orders, preparing H&P's, progress notes and discharge summaries does not require the on-site presence of the attending physician but does require a level of supervision consistent with their training which shall be at least indirect supervision. Indirect supervision is defined to mean the supervising Neurosurgeon shall, within 24 hours, see the patient and review and cosign the documentation and orders of the Fellow.

- F. Consultations: The Fellow may not perform or dictate the consultation in lieu of the supervising physician; but may examine and prepare the patient for consultation by gathering data, performing H&P (excluding developing a Plan of Care), and ordering additional tests pertinent to the consultation to be performed by the Attending Physician.
- G. Fellow and Residents shall participate in performance improvement activities at Moffitt including, upon invitation, attending Spine Program related conferences.
- H. Any Fellow who wishes to provide services at Moffitt must be credentialed pursuant to a limited credentialing process through the medical staff office.



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