



## SCOPE OF PRACTICE

**Sleep Medicine Fellowship Program**  
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This document pertains to fellow rotations under the auspices of the Sleep Medicine Fellowship Training Program at Tampa General Hospital, James A. Haley Veterans Hospital, and our USF Health outpatient clinical sites. 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 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 resident is assigned by the program director and faculty members to ensure effective oversight of resident 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 the following circumstances:

1. Management decision: where there is a change in the original plan, or fellow feels input is needed.
2. Decision regarding timing of sign off from a particular patient.
3. Change in status of a patient: i.e. transfer to the unit, or death.
4. Any final decision regarding a potentially inappropriate consult request.

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 Sleep Medicine Fellowship 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 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.

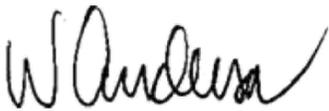
Indirect Supervision The supervising physician is not providing physical or concurrent visual or audio supervision but is immediately available to the resident for guidance and is available to provide appropriate direct supervision.

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 procedure workshops, simulation training, and a minimum number of procedures that need to be completed before obtaining indirect supervision. There is no indirect supervision for DISE and Rhinoscopy. Semiannual decisions about competence are made by the program's clinical competency committee (CCC) to ensure a successful transition and preparation for the next 6-month period of fellowship. All fellows need to maintain current ACLS & BLS training.

	Supervising Physician present (Direct)	Supervising Physician immediately available for guidance to provide direct supervision (indirect supervision)	The trainee may perform the procedure without supervising Attending/resident (oversight)			
Designated Levels	1	2	3	See below for level of supervision required for each procedure and year of training		
CORE PROCEDURES				PGY-4	PGY-7	
Perform patient care and procedures in outpatient setting				2	2	
Admit patients and complete inpatient H&P for a service				2	2	
Treat and manage common medical conditions				2	2	
Make referrals and request consultations				2	2	
Provide consultations within the scope of his/her privileges				2	2	
Render any care in a life-threatening emergency				3	3	
Actigraphy				2	2	
DISE (Drug Induced Sleep Endoscopy)				1	1	
Maintenance of Wakefulness Test				2	2	
Multiple Sleep Latency Test				2	2	
Non-Invasive Mechanical Ventilation				2	2	

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Polysomnography Scoring- Adult					2	2
Polysomnography Scoring- Infant/Child					2	2
Polysomnography-Complete Patient Poly (PSG) Hookup					2	2
Polysomnography-Interpretation of Adult PSG					2	2
Polysomnography-Interpretation of Infant/Child PSG					2	2
Polysomnography-Performance of Baseline PSG					2	2
Polysomnography-Performance of CPAP/Bi-level titration PSG					2	2
Portable Sleep Monitoring					2	2
Rhinoscopy					1	1



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