

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Cardiothoracic Imaging Fellowship
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This document pertains to fellow rotations under the auspices of the Cardiothoracic Imaging Fellowship at Tampa General 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 Fellows (PGY6s) 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 Fellow is assigned by the program director and faculty members to ensure effective oversight of Fellow supervision.

Each Fellow and faculty must inform each patient of their respective roles in patient care. Fellows 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 must communicate with the supervising faculty in the following circumstances: any critical finding that may result in patient irreversible damage or death, any unexpected finding, finding that would change patient management, and prior to any invasive procedure. All patient care must be provided under a credentialed and privileged attending physician. 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 Cardiothoracic Imaging Fellowship at the University of South Florida compliance guidelines.

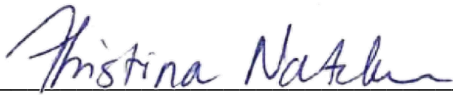
Fellows and faculty can report concerns regarding inadequate supervision on the GME website or the hospital reporting system. Any reports will be protected from reprisal. This document is available on the GME website for all Fellows, faculty, other team members, and patients.

The program follows the ACGME classification of supervision as noted below. The supervising physician can refer to a faculty, fellow, or Fellow that who has been given supervisory privilege. These supervisory levels are used throughout the Scope of Practice document.

Direct Supervision

- 1) The supervising physician is physically present with the Fellow readouts of all imaging.

The fellowship program has a curriculum for providing knowledge and performance competence that includes all imaging modalities. All Fellows need to maintain current ACLS training.



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Date