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# SCOPE OF PRACTICE

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This document pertains to Fellow rotations under the auspices of the Headache & Facial Pain Fellowship at the USF Health Morsani College of Medicine with rotations through Tampa General Hospital. This program is accredited by the United Council of Neurological Subspecialties (UCNS) and all UCNS and Joint Commission (JC) guidelines pertaining to graduate medical education apply to 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 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 – at the request of patients/families, life threatening conditions, for guidance with uncertainty, and fellow safety concerns. 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 Name of Program 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 residents, 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 resident 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 Resident during the key portions of the patient interaction.
- The supervising physician and/or patient is not physically present with the Resident and the supervising physician is concurrently monitoring the patient care through appropriate telecommunication technology.

#### **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.

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Oversight

The supervising physician is available to provide review of procedures/encounters with feedback after care is delivered.

	Supervising Physician present (Direct)	Supervising Physician is not providing physical or concurrent visual or audio supervision but is immediately available (Indirect)	Supervising physician is available to provide a review of procedures/encounters with feedback after care is delivered (Oversight)		
Designated Levels	1	2	3	See below for level of supervision required for each procedure during months of training	
PROCEDURES				PGY-5 Months 1-4	PGY-5 Months 5-12
Evaluate patients in ambulatory setting				1	2
Write prescriptions				1	2
Write orders and progress notes				1	2
Complete medical records				1	2
Perform trigger point injections				1	2
Perform sphenopalatine ganglion blocks				1	2
Perform peripheral nerve blocks				1	2
Perform botulinum toxin injections				1	2

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