

Supervision Definitions Applied in Radiology

Review Committee for Radiology

The Review Committee provides the clarifications below regarding the ACGME classifications of supervision as applied in the radiology learning environment.

Direct Supervision

Program Requirements

6.7. Direct supervision

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

- 6.7.a. PGY-1 residents must initially be supervised directly, only as described in the above definition. (Core)

Clarification

Direct supervision entails real-time faculty member or clinical instructor supervision in person or by real-time audio/video connection. The radiology report is generated collaboratively and released to the electronic health record (EHR) by faculty member report finalization. This is the ideal supervision level for PGY-1 and PGY-2 residents in radiology.

Indirect Supervision

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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.

Clarification

Under indirect supervision, residents/fellows interpret and independently release reports to the EHR, or otherwise communicate findings, prior to the supervising faculty member's final review. Faculty member(s) are immediately available, defined as concurrently online or present at the clinical site, for any questions or image review with real-time audio/video connection or via in-person review.

Oversight

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

Clarification

Residents/fellows operating under oversight interpret and independently release reports to the EHR, or otherwise communicate findings. Faculty member supervision is always available to answer residents'/fellows' questions. Supervising faculty members are not required to be actively online or available in person for image review, but are able to review residents'/fellows' findings as part of their supervision responsibility. Faculty members review all studies for final signature, although this may occur after the care teams acts on findings from the report generated by the resident/fellow.