

Orthotic & Prosthetic Resident On-Call Policy

Purpose:

Residents are not expected to take “On-Call” until after their 3rd quarter of their residency and only if the Residency Director feels the resident is ready to take On-Call. Our on Call is typically one week from Monday through Sunday every three and a half months. On-Call begins after the business closes (4:30 PM) and on weekends until Monday morning at 8:30 AM. Our on-call policy requires a practitioner oversight to ensure safe, ethical, and educationally appropriate participation of orthotic and prosthetic residents in on-call activities, in alignment with NCOPE standards, ABC Code of Professional Responsibility, and applicable legal and accreditation requirements

1. Supervision Requirements

- During on-call activities, residents must be supervised in a manner appropriate to:
 - Their current level of clinical competence.
 - The complexity and acuity of the patient’s condition.
- Supervision may be direct or indirect, but must always ensure patient safety and compliance with facility and legal standards.
- The supervising mentor must assume responsibility for patient care in any instance where the resident’s knowledge, skills, or experience are insufficient to provide appropriate care.

2. Ethical and Professional Conduct

- Residents are bound by the ABC Code of Professional Responsibility at all times.
- All care must be guided by concern for the physical, emotional, social, and economic welfare of the patient, as defined in Section C2.2 of the Code.

3. Compliance with Legal and Accreditation Standards

- Supervision and resident responsibilities must comply with:
 - Facility-specific supervision policies tied to accreditation.
 - Applicable state laws regarding licensure or registration of orthotists and/or prosthetists.
 - Any federal or state regulations applicable to facilities receiving public funding.

5. Documentation and Oversight

- Programs must maintain documentation of:
 - The type and scope of on-call responsibilities.

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- Supervision protocols and escalation procedures.
- Resident evaluations reflecting ethical practice and clinical judgment.
- Any non-compliance with duty hour or supervision standards must be reviewed and addressed with corrective actions.