

Supervision Policy for Orthotic & Prosthetic Residents

1. Introduction

This policy outlines the supervision requirements for residents providing patient care. Supervision is categorized into two types: Indirect and Direct. These terms are defined in this section. Residents require some form of supervision, as described in this section.

2. Direct Supervision

Patient care is provided by the resident with an NCOPE recognized director, associate director, or mentor is on site with the resident and available for real-time consultation throughout the patient care process. The supervising orthotist and/or prosthetist must review the results of care rendered by the resident before dismissal of the patient. The supervisor is responsible for countersigning all entries by the orthotic & prosthetic resident in the patient's clinical record within 15 working days or sooner as required by regulations and protocols defined by 3rd parties.

3. Indirect Supervision

Some aspects of patient care may be provided independent of a the certified orthotist and/or prosthetist. The supervisor must be available for consultation throughout the patient care process. The supervisor is responsible for countersigning all entries by the orthotic & prosthetic resident in the patient's clinical record within 15 working days or sooner as required by regulations and protocols defined by 3rd parties.

4. Supervision of Residents

Residents shall provide all levels of care under supervision. Supervision must be direct for any service or procedure where the resident has not yet been deemed competent by a qualified director, associate director, or mentor. Supervision should progress from Direct Supervision to Indirect Supervision as the resident demonstrates competency and progresses through the residency program.