

Teaching Physician Guidelines for Surgical Procedures

<u>Procedure</u>	<u>Teaching Physician Presence</u>	<u>Documentation of Teaching Physician Presence</u>
<u>Minor Surgical Procedures</u> (5 minutes or less)	TP must be present for the entire procedure	Resident may document TP was present for entire procedure <i>or</i> TP may document his/her presence for entire procedure
<u>High Risk and Complex Surgical Procedures</u> (Including Endoscopic Operations)	TP present for the entire procedure	Resident may document TP was present for entire procedure <i>or</i> TP may document his/her presence for entire procedure
	TP present for critical or key portions of procedure and : A) is immediately available to return to the procedure <i>or</i> B) has arranged for another qualified surgeon to be immediately available to assist with the procedure	TP must document his/her presence during the critical or key portions of the surgical procedure and : A) he/she was immediately available to return to the procedure <i>or</i> B) specify the other qualified surgeon who was immediately available
<u>Endoscopy Procedures</u>	TP must be present during the entire viewing (time of insertion through removal of endoscope) (viewing by monitor in another room does not qualify)	Resident may document TP was present for entire procedure <i>or</i> TP may document his/her presence for entire procedure
<u>Two Overlapping Surgeries</u>	TP must be present during the critical or key portions of both surgeries or : when not present during non-critical or non-key portions of the procedure and participating in the critical or key portions of another surgical procedure, TP must arrange for another qualified surgeon to be immediately available to assist the uncovered resident should the need arise.	TP must document his/her presence during the critical or key portions of both surgical procedures and (when required) : specify the other qualified surgeon who was immediately available to assist the uncovered resident should the need arise.

Examples of Acceptable Presence Statements:

Resident:

- Dr. Smith was present during the entire procedure.
- This entire procedure was performed under the personal supervision of Dr. Smith.

Teaching Physician:

- I was personally present throughout the entire procedure.
- I was personally present during the key portions of this procedure and immediately available throughout the entire procedure.
- I was personally present during the key portions of this procedure. Doctor "Qualified Surgeon" was immediately available for the remainder of the procedure.