

Summary of VA Resident Supervision Requirements For Attendings

- Revised VHA Handbook 1400.1 (May 3, 2004) on Resident Supervision
- Residents are defined as interns, residents or fellows. Staff attendings are responsible for all care delivered by residents under their supervision.
- Every note written by a resident has to contain a reference to a specific attending. This may be in the resident note, a separate attending note or an addendum.
- All admissions require an attending note by the end of the day after admission.
- All discharge summaries must be cosigned by an attending.
- An attending must be *continuously present* during resident clinics.
- All patients seen in the Urgent Care Center by residents require discussion with the attending and documentation by the resident.
- All OR procedures require an attending to be in the OR or in the OR suite.
- Non OR procedures, such as endoscopy, interventional radiology, bronchoscopy, cardiac catheterization and chemotherapy, require the physical presence of the attending in the procedural area.
- Internal monitoring of resident supervision is required for inpatient care, outpatient care, emergency care, consultative care and surgical care.
- There will be continuous external monitoring of resident supervision as part of JCAHO and IG inspections. Monitoring will also be done by the VA Central Office in Washington D.C. on an ongoing basis.