NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY FEINBERG SCHOOL OF MEDICINE DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Clinical Competency Committee

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PURPOSE

To define members and scope of work of Clinical Competency Committee.

PROCEDURES

- 1. Committee Members
 - a. Program Director
 - b. Associate Program Directors
 - c. Vice Chair of Education
 - d. Team Education Coordinators representing residents being evaluated.
 - e. Mentors
 - f. Surgical Education Staff

2. Frequency

- a. The Clinical Competency Committee meets biannually.
- b. Composition of the committee will be different for each meeting as it will be completed of the TECs and mentors of the group of residents being evaluated.
- c. The Clinical Competency Committee meets in 3 parts: once for the PGY 1 class, once for the PGY 2&3 classes, and once for the PGY 4&5 classes with each group composed of the faculty and mentors for those residents.

3. Attendance

a. If a TEC or mentor is not able to attend the meeting, they are asked to find a substitute to attend the meeting.

4. Responsibilities of Committee Members

- a. Resident performance data may include performance evaluations, conference attendance, resident case log compliance, test scores, and any other measures contained in the residents' files from the previous six months.
- b. The committee members will discuss the residents' performance data in order to determine each resident's ACGME milestones.
- c. Faculty mentors of residents in clinical rotations at the time of the evaluation must meet with their mentees within one month of the evaluation meeting to discuss their: evaluation, milestones, strengths, areas for improvement, case logs, academic progress, career planning, and negotiated performance goals for the upcoming period. Following the meeting, mentors will write a letter summarizing the discussion. The mentor letter will be cosigned by the program director and emailed to the resident. A copy of the letter will be put in the resident's permanent file.
- d. Faculty mentors of residents in their research years must meet with their mentee once a year to discuss their research projects, presentations, papers, academic progress, challenges, and goals. They will write a letter summarizing the discussion to be signed by them and the program director. This letter will be kept in the resident's permanent file and a copy will be emailed to the resident.