

UC Davis Medical Center
Office of Graduate Medical Education
Resident Roles and Responsibilities ~ Dermatology

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Subject	Department of Dermatology Resident Clinical Responsibilities
Purpose	To provide a general overview of the resident roles, responsibilities and functions while on rotation in the UC Davis Medical Center Department of Dermatology. This is meant to address issues relating to degrees of independent clinical practice, interactions with and supervision by faculty, performance of procedures and interactions with or supervision of other housestaff or medical students. It is expected that residents will demonstrate ongoing maturity during each training year and will progressively transition into the next level by the end of the prior academic year.
Policy	In general, the roles, responsibilities, and functions of a Department of Dermatology resident, per training year, will be as follows:

PGY-II

- See a broad spectrum of undifferentiated patients on all shifts, in order of presentation of assignment by attending or senior resident with an emphasis on quality of patient evaluation and care.
- Perform the initial assessment of the patient and actively participate in all aspects of patient care, including history and physical, diagnostic and therapeutic planning, procedures, writing orders, and interactions with family.
- Conduct in-depth discussion of all cases with the attending prior to initiation of all but the most basic diagnostic studies or therapeutic interventions.
- Perform all procedures with the complete approval and supervision of an attending.
- Supervise medical students.
- Maintain accurate medical records.

PGY-III

- Become familiar with patients and serve as the attending's principal resource for day-by-day patient data.
- Supervise medical students.
- Focus on gaining experience with the full spectrum of patient procedures, honing proficiency, and balancing the quality of patient evaluation and care with improved overall efficiency
- Initiate common diagnostic studies and therapeutic interventions in straightforward patients, prior to attending presentation
- Conduct in-depth discussions with the attending or senior resident regarding invasive procedures, change in plans, or other problems. Specialized diagnostic studies, uncommon therapeutic interventions, and use of consultants, must be discussed with the attending prior to initiation.
- Perform all procedures with attending supervision and approval.
- Maintain accurate medical records.

PGY-IV

- Play a supervisory role with increased teaching, consultative and research activities.
- Continue to see a broad spectrum of patients but with an emphasis on those with highest acuity or greatest critical illness.
- Focus on time, resource, and efficiency management. The goal is to gain competence in managing administrative, patient flow, and team coordination activities, as well as continuing direct primary care of multiple patients in an outpatient setting.
- "Polish" proficiency with the full range of medical procedures in dermatology.
- Initiate common diagnostic studies and therapeutic interventions prior to attending discussion.
- Initiate more sophisticated diagnostic studies and therapeutic interventions, with attending approval.
- Attempt or initiate procedures, with attending approval.
- Assist with the attempt, or initiation of, procedures by more junior level housestaff, with attending approval (and if so certified by the residency training program, as appropriate).
- Maintain accurate medical records and give a research presentation.