

Position Statement on Medical Supervision of Psychiatry Residents and Fellows

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Issue:

The APA is concerned with reports that psychiatry residents and fellows are being supervised solely by advanced practice providers (nurse practitioners or physician assistants). The skills of the clinician supervising residents and fellows must be consistent with the care being supervised.

APA Position:

Psychiatry residents and fellows should be supervised by psychiatrists in conducting psychiatric diagnostic evaluations, managing psychiatric emergencies, and managing psychiatric conditions with medications and not solely by advanced practice clinicians.

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