

SCOPE OF PRACTICE GUIDELINES

ORTHOPEDIC SERVICE LAST UPDATED 22 JULY 2010

ORTHOPEDIC RESIDENTS

1. Outpatient care: Including prescribing of medications and performance of the following outpatient treatment:
 - a. Aspiration of major joints.
 - b. Irrigation and debridement of open lacerations.
 - c. Suturing of extensor tendons in the hand and other lacerations.
 - d. Reduction of fractures and dislocations.
 - e. Application of casts.
 - f. Follow-up care in (a through c) above as necessary.
 - g. Insertion of tibial and femoral pins under the supervision of a military staff orthopedist.
2. Inpatient Care: Completion and recording of History and Physical Examination for all prospective surgical patients. Performance of orthopedic surgical procedures under the direct supervision of staff orthopedist. Provide postoperative care to include discharge and summary on his/her surgical patients. All inpatient care will be under direct supervision of staff orthopedists. Responsible for completion of all necessary inpatient records in PAD.
3. Limits of independent action by the Orthopedic Resident are set by the responsible military staff orthopedist. In the absence of specific instructions, it is incumbent upon the Orthopedic resident to confer with the military staff orthopedist prior to proceeding with a procedure.
4. The Orthopedic Resident in the operating room will carry out no procedures unless the staff military orthopedist is physically in the operating room.

Student

Date