I. Purpose
To outline the guidelines for the supervision of the Department of Radiation Oncology residents.

II. Policy
A. An attending physician must staff all patients seen in the Radiation Oncology clinic.
B. The attending physician is responsible for the care provided to these assigned patients.
C. The attending physician is responsible for determining the level of resident supervision required to provide appropriate training and to assure quality of patient care.
D. Faculty and residents will be educated to recognize the signs of fatigue, and will take appropriate actions to counteract its potential negative effects.

III. Procedures/Responsibilities
A. Consultations
   1. The attending physician will be identified in the chart
   2. Residents will present the patient’s history and physical, diagnostic work-up and treatment plan to the attending physician.
   3. The attending physician must document supervision of consultation by the end of the next working day. This will be done with either an attending note or documentation of attending supervision in the residents note.
   4. Residents must see patients with their assigned attending physician once a week during the course of treatment.
B. Follow-ups
   1. The attending physician will see all follow-up patients with the resident.
C. On Treatment Patients
   1. The attending physician will be identified.
   2. Residents will see on treatment patients either with or immediately before the attending physician.
   3. The attending physician will meet with the patient before treatment begins and/or any procedure.
   4. The attending physician will document the patient’s agreement with treatment prior to the treatment beginning.
   5. The consent for treatment will be signed by two different staff members.
D. Simulations
   1. Residents will discuss all simulation techniques/set-up/treatment planning devices with the attending physician prior to the patient’s arrival.
   2. The attending physician will be available to review any and all aspects of the simulation and will provide final approval prior to the patient leaving the department.