

**ACGME Program Requirements for Graduate Medical Education
in Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine
Summary and Impact of Focused Requirement Revisions**

Requirement #: VI.A.2.c).(1).(b).(i) and VI.A.2.c).(1).(b).(ii)	
Requirement Revision (significant change only):	
[Direct Supervision:]	
VI.A.2.c).(1).(b) the supervising physician and/or patient is not physically present with the fellow and the supervising physician is concurrently monitoring the patient care through appropriate telecommunication technology. (Core)	
VI.A.2.c).(1).(b).(i)	<u>The program must have clear guidelines that delineate which Competencies must be met to determine when a fellow can progress to be supervised indirectly. (Core)</u>
VI.A.2.c).(1).(b).(ii)	<u>The program director must ensure that clear expectations exist and are communicated to the fellows, and that these expectations outline specific situations in which a fellow would still require direct supervision. (Core)</u>
1.	Describe the Review Committee's rationale for this revision: In adopting the new supervision requirement language as it relates to telecommunications, the Review Committee felt that programs will need to determine the best guidelines for their individual, local program/institution. The Review Committee will expect to see these guidelines documented in the supervision policy at the time of program/application review.
2.	How will the proposed requirement or revision improve resident/fellow education, patient safety, and/or patient care quality? The Review Committee expects the program-defined guidelines will ensure patient safety as a priority in patient care cases involving telecommunications and indirect supervision.
3.	How will the proposed requirement or revision impact continuity of patient care? No impact
4.	Will the proposed requirement or revision necessitate additional institutional resources (e.g., facilities, organization of other services, addition of faculty members, financial support; volume and variety of patients), if so, how? Potentially, depending on how each program defines the guidelines for safe patient care.
5.	How will the proposed revision impact other accredited programs? No impact