

POLICY STATEMENT
TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINATION

POLICY: **SUPERVISING PHYSICIANS**

The Tennessee Board of Osteopathic Examination adopts the following minimal requirements as policy for a supervising physician:

1. The supervising physician must hold a Tennessee license to practice osteopathic medicine.
2. The supervising physician's Tennessee license must not have an encumbrance or restriction imposed after the date of this policy.
3. The supervising physician must be "on-site" at least four (4) hours per week.
4. The supervising physician and supervisee must compile protocols to be used by the supervisee.
5. The supervising physician must update the protocols at least annually.
6. The supervising physician must have a copy of the protocols on-site and must be produced upon demand if requested by the appropriate authorities.
7. The supervising physician may supervise in his/her area of expertise only (i.e., speciality board certification).
8. The supervising physician must be available at all times (i.e., telephone, pager, etc.) for communication and consultation.
9. The supervising physician must, sign and date all medical charts, after proper review, within seven (7) days.
10. The back-up supervising physician(s) must be identified in the protocols.
11. Violation of any provision of the Osteopathic Medical Practice that reflects on the supervising physician's competency and/or ability to provide adequate supervision to the supervisee shall be grounds for suspension or revocation of supervision privileges.

Adopted by the Board of Osteopathic Examination on this the 2nd day of April 1997.

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