Prioritization of Resident Education in Procedures

Procedural education and experience are fundamental to the training of emergency medicine residents. The American Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) requires residents to perform a minimum number of key procedures to complete their training. To promote high-quality care, and ensure patient safety, American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) believes that emergency medicine resident physicians must have the right of first refusal over nonphysicians, such as physician assistants and nurse practitioners, for ACGME-required procedures performed in emergency departments. In addition, ACEP supports the prioritization of resident procedural education in all areas where training occurs.