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You asked:

Please provide a list of procedures performed by Physician Associates (PAs) when working autonomously (not under the supervision of a named senior doctor) where within: A) Swansea Bay University Health Board & B) Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board over the period of the last two years for which figures are available.

Our response:

For Cwm Taf Morgannwg the PAs would follow the 3 levels of supervision based on their level of competence agreed by their Consultant/GP:

Level one – Direct Clinical Supervision

This level of supervision will be necessary until the supervisor has determined the skills and competence of the PA

Level two – Indirect Clinical Supervision

Indirect clinical supervision may remain appropriate for delegated practice, or may occur until the supervising medical practitioner is confident that the skills and competence of the PA can progress to level 3 supervision. This type of supervision will include working in the same hospital but not on the same ward.

Level three – Remote Clinical Supervision

Remote clinical supervision enables the Physician Associate to work with more delegated autonomy for specific activities identified and agreed between the supervisor and the Physician Associate. This is when the supervising doctor is confident that the Physician Associate demonstrates the skills and competence to provide safe and effective patient care with a less intensive degree of monitoring. The PA would be supervised remotely by a doctor who must be readily contactable by telephone or other means of communication, if not immediately available in person.

There are no procedures that the PA would perform which are not under the supervision of the Consultant or GP. There may be periods of time where the supervisor is not physically present but the PA will always be under a level of supervision.