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Supervision of Medical Students in Clinical Experiences

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POLICY STATEMENT

It is the responsibility of each department and departmental educational leadership team to ensure that medical students in clinical learning situations are appropriately supervised at all times to ensure patient and student safety. This includes ensuring that the level of responsibility delegated to the student is appropriate for his/her level of training, and are appropriately supervised.

REASONS FOR POLICY

LCME Element 9.3 Clinical Supervision of Medical Students

A medical school ensures that medical students in clinical learning situations involving patient care are appropriately supervised at all times in order to ensure patient and student safety, that the level of responsibility delegated to the student is appropriate to his or her level of training, and that the activities supervised are within the scope of practice of the supervising health professional.

PROCEDURES

- Expectation is that each department ensure student and patient safety in the clinical experiences in which students participate
- At each clinical experience orientation within the associated course or clerkship, students must be informed of the expectations for their participation and supervision in patient care. Departmental educational leaders are responsible for informing the faculty and/or residents who will supervise students of these same expectations.
- Departmental educational leaders are responsible for assigning students to designated faculty and/or resident supervisors for all clinical experiences and for ensuring that faculty, residents, and the students are made aware of these assignments.

- The amount of supervision required for each student will vary according to the clinical task and clinical status of each patient and should be commensurate with the student’s level of training, education, and clinical experience.
- Where clinically and educationally appropriate, physicians who are supervising medical students may delegate responsibility for some elements of teaching and supervision to non-physician care providers within the institution or at affiliated sites outside the institution. It will be the responsibility of each supervising physician to determine which learning experiences are appropriately delegated and to ensure the non-physician providing such supervision are acting within the scope of their practice.
- Students are asked at the end of each course/clerkship evaluation regarding whether they were appropriately supervised at all times to ensure their safety and the safety of their patients. Any concerns will be alerted to the course or clerkship team and curriculum office for appropriate follow-up or investigation.
- Students, faculty, staff who have concerns regarding appropriate supervision of medical students in the clinical setting can also submit a report via the institution’s safety event reporting system (SI Events- UHC Safety Intelligence).

DEFINITIONS

There are no definitions associated with this policy.

FAQ

There are no FAQ associated with this policy.

APPENDICES

There are no appendices associated with this policy.

RELATED INFORMATION

LCME Functions and Structure of a Medical School <http://lcme.org/publications/>

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Signature Dean of the College of Medicine

Date