



Policy Title:
Medical Student Supervision

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LCME Standards

- 9.1 - Preparation of Resident and Non-Faculty Instructors
- 9.3 - Clinical Supervision of Medical Students

Scope

University of South Carolina (USC) School of Medicine Columbia MD students, residents and faculty.

Policy Statement

Medical students must be appropriately supervised by either a senior resident or attending faculty member while engaged in any clinical activity. It is the responsibility of the clerkship director or the clerkship site director to make these assignments and to ensure students are not attempting clinical activities outside the range of expected achievements or those activities formally prohibited by the healthcare system.

All students are required to have a chaperone present during sensitive examinations.

Reason for Policy

The LCME expects that 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 the student's level of training, and that the activities supervised are within the scope of practice of the supervising health professional.

Procedures

During the clerkship orientation clerkship directors should inform students about prohibited activities and provide contact information for reaching the attending physician on call should the student have any questions or concerns about appropriate supervision, patient safety, or allowed clinical activities.

Clerkship directors and clerkship site directors are also responsible for informing senior residents on the clinical service about supervision of students and prohibited activities at least on an annual basis.

Contacts

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History

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3-1-24	Policy drafted from Clerkship Director handbook