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POLICY ON MEDICAL STUDENT SUPERVISION BY RESIDENTS, FELLOWS, AND FACULTY

Policy Statement

It is necessary that supervising physicians (faculty, fellows, or residents) provide appropriate levels of supervision to medical students during patient care at required and elective clinical experiences at all educational sites. In general, direct supervision of trainees should be provided until they have demonstrated satisfactory competence in the relevant clinical process (e.g., interviewing and physical examination) or procedure (e.g. phlebotomy, intravenous line insertion) to permit independent practice. Assessing student competence requires direct observation of skills unless independent documentation of competence is provided by the school (e.g., Certification of completion of special training such as Basic Life Support skills, etc.).

Reason for Policy/Purpose

As per LCME DCI element 9.3, this policy is to ensure that medical students in clinical learning situations involving patient care are appropriately supervised.

Who Needs to Know This Procedure

Clerkship directors, Medical Students, Faculty, Residents, Fellows

Who Approved This Policy

Committee on the Undergraduate Medical Education Curriculum:
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