

Policy Title: Clinical Supervision of Medical Students

Policy Number (relate to LCME Element as applicable): UCF COM Policy 9.3.1

Applies to: Applies to all medical students at the University of Central Florida College of Medicine (UCF COM).

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1.0 Purpose:

To ensure compliance with LCME Element 9.3, which states: "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."

2.0 Policy Statement:

The medical school is committed to the safety of patients and students in clinical throughout the 4-year College of Medicine curriculum. The level of direct and indirect supervision will be commensurate with the level of observation/participation responsibility assigned to the student. At all times, there will be timely access to, and site-of-care availability of the faculty supervisor. The supervising faculty will at all times be physically present within the hospital or other site of patient care.

Levels of supervision—adapted from the ACGME classification—are defined as follows:

- a. Direct Supervision: the supervising faculty member is physically present with the student and patient.
- b. Indirect Supervision with direct supervision immediately available – the supervising faculty member is physically within the hospital or other site of patient care, and is immediately available to provide direct supervision.

3.0 Definitions:

Clinical supervision is defined as a licensed physician allowing a learner progressive responsibility for patient care.

4.0 Responsibilities:

The assistant deans for medical education, and module and clerkship directors, are responsible for adherence to this policy.

5.0 Monitoring/Procedures:

- To ensure medical student attainment of necessary clinical skills and experience during the 4-year College of Medicine curriculum, faculty supervisors will allow progressive responsibility for patient care while providing either direct supervision or indirect supervision with direct supervision immediately available.

By graduation, medical students must be able to perform certain professional activities without direct supervision. For example, at UCF COM, students are trained and assessed over the 4 years with the goal that by the time of graduation they are able to perform, without direct supervision, the following Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs) proposed by the Association of American Medical Colleges:

- EPA 1: Gather a history and perform a physical or mental examination
- EPA 2: Prioritize a differential diagnosis following a clinical encounter
- EPA 3: Recommend and interpret common diagnostic and screening tests
- EPA 4: Enter and discuss orders and prescriptions

- EPA 5: Document a clinical encounter in the patient record
- EPA 6: Provide an oral presentation of a clinical encounter
- EPA 7: Form clinical questions and retrieve evidence to advance patient care
- EPA 8: Give or receive a patient handover to transition care responsibility
- EPA 9: Collaborate as a member of an inter-professional team
- EPA 10: Recognize a patient requiring urgent or emergent care and initiate evaluation and management
- EPA 11: Obtain informed consent for tests and/or procedures
- EPA 12: Perform general procedures of a physician
- EPA 13: Identify system failures and contribute to a culture of safety and improvement

To assist faculty, the UCF COM Office of Faculty Development developed an online “Faculty EPA Orientation Module” that provides guidance on teaching and assessing these 13 EPAs.

6.0 Related Policies:

None

7.0 Key Search Words:

Clinical supervision		

8.0 Revision History:

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V1	8/26/2016	Original
V2		Additional information on monitoring and responsibilities.

9.0 References:

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