



Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science
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College of Medicine - MD Program

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POLICY STATEMENT

The Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science (CDU) College of Medicine MD Program requires all medical students in clinical learning situations involving patient care to be appropriately supervised at all times to ensure patient and student safety.

PROCEDURES

- Faculty must be on-site (e.g., unless otherwise directed) during student training times.
- The level of responsibility delegated to the student is appropriate to his/her level of training, competence, and demonstrated ability.
- All supervising health professionals must operate within their scope of practice when undertaking direct supervision and indirect supervision of medical students.
- The students and health professionals will be informed by course and clerkship directors of the expectations for their participation and supervision in patient care.
- Students are to be provided with rapid, reliable systems for communicating with supervising health professionals.
- Course and clerkship directors are responsible for assigning students to health professionals for all patient care experiences and for ensuring that health professionals and students are notified of these assignments.
- In situations where medical students interact directly with non-physician care providers (e.g., RN, PA) who are not the supervising health professional, then the supervising health professional and/or course or clerkship director is responsible for ensuring that the non-physician care provider is either appropriately credentialed or functioning under the supervision of a credentialed faculty member and is performing tasks that are within his/her scope of practice. The attending faculty member is ultimately responsible for the integrity of information and/or procedures conducted during the clinical service.
- Health professionals will model standards for professional behavior in interactions with patients, learners, staff, and all other individuals on the health care team.
- Patient safety is the responsibility of all members of the health care team, including medical students. Any individual, who is concerned about the level of supervision that a student is receiving or for a patient's safety should address their concerns as soon as possible with the health professional and/or course or clerkship director.
- Students will be asked at the end of each course or clerkship to complete an evaluation where

they will be asked if they were appropriately supervised at all times to ensure their safety and the safety of their patients. The course or clerkship director will be notified of any alerts in the evaluation system to follow-up or investigate.

DEFINITIONS

- **Health Professional:** Include all CDU SOM faculty members, resident and fellow physicians, who teach, facilitate, and/or precept medical students in the clinical setting.
- **Direct supervision:** The health professional is present in the room with the student and patient during the encounter. Direct observation requirements for health professionals are described in the SOM Direct Observation Policy.
- **Indirect Supervision:** The health professional is present at the patient care facility (e.g., hospital, clinic) and is immediately available to provide direct supervision when needed.

RELATED INFORMATION

- School of Medicine Direct Observation Policy
- LCME Standards, Publications, & Notification Forms <https://lcme.org/publications/>

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