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Supervision and Scope of Practice Policy With Student Permitted Procedures

All medical students participating in required educational experiences are engaged in educational environments wherein they are supervised by members of the faculty, and/or where present, residents. Faculty and residents are prepared for their roles as educators, and are aware of the educational program objectives, and the generally expected limitations of medical student ability by level. All medical students perform medical activities within their approved scope of practice and must seek assistance if faced with a medical circumstance that is beyond their skill level or comfort.

Student Charting

As a part of their duties during clinical rotations, students *may* write notes (H&P, Progress Note, etc.) that are part of a patient's medical record. *All* student notes that are a part of the medical record must be independently verified by the supervising physician in writing. Use of student notes for billing purposes is outside the scope of this policy, and supervising physicians must follow all applicable laws and hospital policies before assuming any portion of a student's note for that purpose.

Student Permitted Procedures

In addition to all components of the history and physical examination, medical students *may* perform a limited set of procedures without direct (in room) supervision – see below for list of procedures. Prior to performing one of the listed procedures without direct supervision at any clinical site, students must first obtain the permission of the **attending physician** supervising the student in the care of that patient. The student *must* obtain permission from the attending for each time the student performs one of the listed procedures without in room supervision.

Permitted Procedures:

- Blood collection: arterial, venous, or capillary
- Injections: intramuscular, subcutaneous, intradermal, intravenous
- Insert intravenous catheter
- EKG
- PPD administration
- Local anesthesia
- Suture simple laceration
- Suture or staple removal