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Context:

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 perform the procedure *at least* once in its entirety with direct supervision from a health care provider (faculty or resident) at the clinical site. Once the supervising faculty member has determined that the student is competent to perform the procedure, the faculty member will sign a form indicating the student's competence to perform that procedure. After obtaining the signature, the student *may* perform that specific procedure at that clinical site without direct supervision providing they have the consent of their supervising faculty member. Forms will be maintained in the One45 system and monitored by the Curriculum Office. Competency declarations are specific to a specific site and are not transferrable. Students must repeat the process at each new clinical site and for each procedure.

Permitted Procedures:

- Blood collection: arterial, venous, or capillary
- Injections: intramuscular, subcutaneous, intradermal, intravenous
- Insert intravenous catheter
- EKG
- PPD administration

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- Local anesthesia
- Suture simple laceration
- Suture or staple removal