

Standard 5 – Element 5.4-1

Evidence Submission

Student Supervision

Student Supervision During Patient Care Policy

The Student Supervision During Patient Care Policy is designed to ensure all clinical interactions are conducted under the highest standards of oversight and mentorship, both in person and via telemedicine as applicable. The primary goal is to provide a safe, educational environment where students can apply their knowledge and skills effectively while ensuring patient safety and quality of care.

This policy mandates that students, while gaining hands-on experience, are always under the supervision of qualified and experienced faculty members or licensed clinicians. Supervision protocols include direct observation during critical procedures, periodic evaluations, and continuous feedback to support students' professional development and ensure adherence to best practices in patient care. This structured approach ensures that students receive the guidance they need to excel in their clinical training while upholding the integrity and standards of our medical program.

Responsibilities of Supervising Physicians

To further clarify the role of supervising physicians, DYU-COM requires the following:

- All supervising physicians must be licensed, board certified/board eligible, and credentialed as faculty members with DYU-COM.
- All supervising physicians must be supervising activities that are within the scope of practice for their specialization.
- All supervising physicians acknowledge they are ultimately responsible for patient care.

Disclosure and Patient Consent

Any medical treatment(s) that a medical student will be involved in with a patient shall only occur after full and reasonable disclosure to the patient (or legal representative) and full and reasonable informed consent has been obtained.

Responsibilities of Medical Students

To further clarify the role of medical students, DYU-COM requires the following:

- Students must comply with all general and specific rules and medical ethics established by the healthcare system, hospital, clinic, or facility at which they are being trained.
- Students may not administer therapy or perform procedures (including OMT) without the direct supervision of a qualified medical provider to whom they have been formally assigned. A faculty member or preceptor must generally be present for any treatment, procedure, or invasive exam. The faculty member or preceptor may designate interns or residents to supervise student activities, in accordance with hospital and clinic policies
- Students may take histories, perform physical examinations, and enter their findings in the patient chart only with the approval and supervision of their supervising physician.

Telemedicine

As telemedicine becomes an increasingly vital component of modern healthcare, as such DYU-COM policies for student supervision do not prohibit this medium of interaction. However, supervising medical professionals and students must ensure compliance with both ethical and technical standards of telehealth practice, including adherence to privacy and security regulations. At DYU-COM, any osteopathic medical student(s) that will be involved in telemedicine must be supervised in the physical presence of a licensed preceptor with whom the student has been assigned and with a patient having full and reasonable knowledge that the osteopathic medical student is a student at DYU-COM.

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