TITLE: Clinical Supervision Policy

SPONSOR: Office of Academic Learning Environment

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 3, 2019

INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

Chicago Medical School (CMS) recognizes the importance of graded and progressive responsibility, creating a safe learning environment for students, and adhering to the highest standards of patient safety in undergraduate medical education. The goal is to ensure safe patient care, medical student safety, and to ensure the student’s maximum development of the skills, knowledge, and attitudes required to graduate.

CANCELLATION

N/A

SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to all CMS students enrolled in the allopathic medicine program.

POLICY STATEMENTS

A medical student will always be supervised by a qualified physician, and supervision of medical student learning experiences is provided throughout required clinical activities by members of CMS faculty. In the event a resident physician is providing immediate supervision, an attending physician is available for resident supervision as per ACGME regulations.

DEFINITIONS

Supervisors: Individuals that hold a CMS faculty appointment, or are supervised in their teaching and assessment roles by an individual who has a CMS faculty appointment and may include physicians, residents, fellows, and other licensed health professionals supervising an activity with their scope of expertise or practice.

Supervising Attending Physician: A physician with ultimate responsibility of patient care at the specific clinical site
Supervising Resident/Fellow Physician: A physician in their post graduate training
PROCEDURES:

1. The CMS Educational Program assigns supervisors at all times and in all settings in which students of CMS provide any type of patient care.
2. The amount/type of supervision required in each situation is tailored specifically to the demonstrated skills, knowledge, and ability of the individual student. In all cases, a supervisor should only allow students to participate in portions of the patient’s care based on the needs of the patient; the skills of the individual student, and patient care policies of the institution.
3. All medical students, regardless of year of training, must communicate with the appropriate supervisor after each patient encounter.
4. In every level of supervision, the supervising CMS faculty must review and sign progress notes, review and sign all discharge summaries, and sign written and verbal orders.
5. CMS faculty must be continuously present to provide supervision in ambulatory settings, and must be actively involved in the provision of care, as assigned.
6. Students assigned to extramural rotations will be subject to the same policy as those on intramural rotations and will be supervised by a qualified physician at the site.

POINTS OF CONTACT:

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REFERENCES AND RELATED POLICIES

ACGME Common Program Requirement
LCME Standard 9.2 – Faculty Appointment
LCME Standard 9.3 – Clinical Supervision of Medical Students