TITLE: Global Health/International Experience (GHIE) M1/M2 Student Scope of Practice Policy

SPONSOR: CMS Academic Learning Environment

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INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE:

Chicago Medical School (CMS) students have the option to complete clinical Global Health/International Experience (GHIE) electives in a variety of clinical sites outside of the United States for academic credit. The student experience is intended primarily as one of observation, as medical students may not be able to utilize their skill sets in GHIE settings due to the unique nature of that clinical setting.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the level of responsibility delegated to the student within such GHIE electives is appropriate to his or her level of training, and that the activities supervised are within the scope of practice of the supervising health professional.

CANCELLATION:

N/A

SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY:

This policy applies to all CMS students in the allopathic medicine program throughout their first and second years of study during GHIE electives outside of the U.S.

POLICY STATEMENTS:

First and second year medical students in GHIE settings will be supervised at all times per the CMS Clinical Supervision Policy.

Attending physician supervisors will permit students to participate in clinical care only within the scope of training of the medical student and only when appropriate documentation has been submitted to the Clinical Sciences Department prior to the GHIE travel. Expected skills for such students include obtaining a history and physical, participating in simulation experiences, patient education, and observing procedures.

Medical students will not participate in performing procedures unless previously approved by the Clinical Sciences Department Education Director for Clinical Skills and the attending
physician is present during the procedure. If appropriate training has been successfully completed and documented, the acceptable procedures for medical students’ participation is limited to venipunctures, finger sticks, suturing, placement of peripheral intravenous (IV) lines, CPR, and vaccine administration. Medical students will respect patients with regard to their welfare, autonomy, and freedom of choice.

**DEFINITIONS:**

GHIE: Global Health/International Experience, refers to the elective course for CMS students that occurs outside the U.S.

**PROCEDURES:**

In cases where students seek to perform the aforementioned procedures under the direction of a supervising physician at the GHIE site, the following procedures must be followed:

1) The student must complete corresponding skills training (including demonstration of proficiency) in advance of GHIE travel. Students may complete trainings led by RFU Clinics trainers if so organized by the Office of Interprofessional Global Health or other designated RFU office.

2) Following satisfactory completion of corresponding skills training, students must submit completion documentation to the Office of Interprofessional Global Health. Students that previously completed training to perform the aforementioned procedures must submit supporting documentation to the Office of Interprofessional Global Health. All documentation will then be reviewed by the CMS Clinical Sciences Department.

3) Following a CMS Clinical Sciences Department review of submitted documentation, a final decision for supervised performance of the aforementioned procedures shall be determined by the CMS Clinical Sciences Department Education Director for Clinical Skills.

**POINTS OF CONTACT:**

Director, Office of Interprofessional Global Health  
Education Director, Clinical Skills, Department of Clinical Sciences

**REFERENCES AND RELATED POLICIES:**

CMS Clinical Supervision Policy  
LCME Element 9.3 – Clinical Supervision of Medical Students