TITLE: Global Health/International Experience (GHIE) M4 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 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 during their fourth (M4) year of study during GHIE electives outside of the U.S.

POLICY STATEMENTS:

Medical students in GHIE settings will be supervised at all times per the CMS Clinical Supervision Policy.

M4 GHIE electives are limited to students who have completed all core M3 clerkships (Internal Medicine, Surgery, Pediatrics, Family Medicine, Obstetrics/ Gynecology, and Psychiatry) and have demonstrated competency in the corresponding patient encounters and procedures.

Attending physician supervisors, or clinical professionals designated by the attending physician supervisor, will permit students to participate in clinical care at the GHIE site only within the scope of training of the medical student. Medical students will not participate in performing procedures unless the attending physician, or clinical professional designated by the attending physician, is present during the procedure.

In addition to the core clerkship acquired patient encounter and procedure competencies, expected skills for such students include the ability to perform the following procedures: venipunctures, placement of intravenous (IV) lines, airway management, suturing, and Basic Life Support (BLS). 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 or her/his designee at the GHIE site, the following procedures must be followed:

The student must complete all core M3 clerkships (Internal Medicine, Surgery, Pediatrics, Family Medicine, Obstetrics/Gynecology, and Psychiatry), during which s/he demonstrates competency in patient encounters and procedures, in advance of GHIE travel.

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REFERENCES AND RELATED POLICIES:

CMS Clinical Supervision Policy