

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Clinical Supervision Policy

San Juan Bautista School of Medicine establishes practices for the appropriate supervision of medical students during clinical clerkships and other required clinical experiences to ensure patient safety, student learning, and the appropriate assignment of responsibilities based on each student's level of training. This policy applies to all medical students, clinical faculty, residents, and clinical site directors involved in the supervision of students at SJBSM and its affiliated clinical facilities.

Supervision

- Medical students must be supervised by a designated attending physician or a resident under the direction of an attending physician at all times during their clinical experiences. Medical students may not provide care unsupervised at any time. Supervisor must be either present or immediately available.
- The level of supervision will be commensurate with the student's educational level, clinical experience, and demonstrated competence, ensuring that patient safety and quality care are maintained.
- Students will be provided with graded clinical responsibilities that align
 with their level of training. For each clinical clerkship, specific tasks and
 procedures that students are permitted to perform will be outlined in the
 clerkship syllabus.
- The assigned level of responsibility will be reviewed at the midterm of each clerkship and adjusted as necessary, based on student performance and feedback.
- The course/clerkship directors will ensure that supervising physicians and healthcare providers are appropriately credentialed and privileged.
- Expectations for supervision will be communicated to all clinical faculty, residents, and attending physicians through annual orientation sessions, clerkship syllabi, and updates from the Associate Dean for Clinical Sciences and Clerkship Directors.
- Agreements with affiliated clinical facilities includes a clause stipulating the requirement for appropriate student supervision.



Monitoring

The Associate Dean for Clinical Sciences and clerkship directors will review student clinical rotation evaluation on supervision and consider intervention with clinical faculty or site where supervision practices do not meet this policy requirement. Concerns regarding supervision should be reported to the clerkship director, the Associate Dean for Clinical Sciences or Dean of Students Affairs. Students may also anonymously report lapses in medical student supervision in the course evaluations on the anonymous online feedback system. This system allows students to report concerns directly to the associate dean for student affairs, ensuring that concerns can be raised and addressed outside of the clerkship/site director structure.

Any reported issues will be investigated promptly, and appropriate actions will be taken to address the concerns.

Executive Curriculum Committee monitor annually reports on supervision violation and revised policy as necessary to ensure that it continues to meet educational and patient care standards.

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