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RUCOM Clinical Supervision of Medical Students During Clinical Curricular Activities Policy

Purpose:

To ensure the safety of patients and learners while providing a supportive clinical learning environment that allows for student growth.

Related LCME Element:

9.3 Clinical Supervision of Medical Students

Related Polices and Procedures:

Scope:

All medical students learning in a clinical setting within the RUCOM curriculum

Responsible Party:

Associate Dean for Clinical Education

POLICY

Policy Statement

RUCOM students must be appropriately supervised by faculty while learning in a clinical setting at any time within the RUCOM curriculum.

- A. RUCOM students may not engage in any patient care without appropriate faculty supervision.
- B. All clinicians who supervise RUCOM students must either hold a faculty appointment from RUCOM or from a Visiting Student Learning Opportunities hosting institution.
- C. Clinical supervisors are permitted to only supervise student clinical activities within their scope of expertise or practice.
- D. There are only two levels of clinical supervision for RUCOM students that can be utilized:
 - 1. **Direct supervision:** the supervising physician is present with the patient and student throughout the entire clinical encounter.
 - 2. **Indirect supervision with direct supervision immediately available:** the supervising physician, while not in the presence of the patient and student, is at the site of care to provide immediate direct supervision as needed.
- E. Determination of the appropriate level of supervision is made by the responsible faculty member based on the following factors:
 - 1. Level of training of the student
 - 2. Prior experience and skill of the student within the clinical setting and activity
 - 3. Familiarity of the faculty with the student's abilities
 - 4. Acuity of the patient care activity and the patient risk involved with the activity
- F. Students can only participate in procedures with patient consent and direct supervision.
- G. Clinical supervisors must review and verify all student activities and findings and provide documentation of this review.

All Revision Dates

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Approval Signatures

Step Description	Approver	Date
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