I. Purpose

UW SMPH will provide supervision of Health Profession Students in all clinical areas to ensure quality education as well as patient and student safety.

II. Definitions

Health Profession Program: Any of the UW SMPH Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Physical Therapy, Master of Genetic Counselor Studies, Master of Physician Assistant Studies, or Master of Public Health Programs.

Student: Any UW SMPH student in a Health Profession Program.

III. Policy

1. The UW SMPH expects each department to be responsible for ensuring Student and patient safety in the clinical experiences in which Students participate.

2. At each clinical experience orientation, Students must be informed of the expectations for their participation and supervision in patient care. Departmental educational leaders, as designated by the appropriate Health Profession Program, are responsible for informing the faculty and/or residents who will supervise Students in that Health Profession Program of these same expectations.

3. Departmental educational leaders are responsible for assigning Students to designated faculty and/or resident supervisors for all clinical experiences and for ensuring that faculty, residents, and Students are made aware of these assignments.

4. Students are to be provided with rapid, reliable systems for communicating with supervising faculty and/or residents, usually pager numbers.

5. The amount of supervision required for each Student will vary according to the clinical task and clinical status of each patient and should be commensurate with the Student’s level of training, education, and clinical experience.
6. Supervision is designed to foster progressive responsibility. Whenever clinically appropriate, supervisors should provide opportunities for Students to demonstrate increasing independence and responsibility for patient care.

7. With respect to students in the Doctor of Medicine program, where clinically and educationally appropriate, physicians who are supervising medical students may delegate responsibility for some elements of teaching and supervision to non-physician care providers (e.g., physician assistants, nurses, nurse midwives, etc.) within the institution. It will be the responsibility of each supervising physician to determine which learning experiences are appropriately delegated and to ensure the non-physicians providing such supervision are working within their scope of practice.

8. An affiliation agreement with language setting forth requirements for appropriate Student supervision shall be in place between UW SMPH and any hospital, clinic, or other care provider before Students may participate in clinical experiences at that agency.

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