Clinical Supervision of Medical Students: Policy on Medical Student Level of Responsibility

The Office of Medical Education (OME-CQI) will ensure the level of responsibility delegated to a medical student is appropriate to, and not above, the student’s level of training and experience on all clerkships, sub-internships and elective rotations. To monitor this, students will answer a question on each clerkship, sub-internship or elective evaluation assessing compliance with this policy. In addition in the clerkships, the mid-clerkship feedback form completed by each student at the midpoint of each rotation, asks students to certify they are engaging in activities appropriate to, and not above, their level of training and expertise without appropriate supervision. This is centrally monitored and followed-up on by the OME.

During all times when medical students are rotating on clerkships or elective rotations, there must be a licensed/certified medical provider present in the hospital, outpatient or other clinical settings.