Policy No. 09-03: Clinical Supervision of Medical Students

(LCME Standard 9.3)

The OME, in conjunction with the Clerkship Directors (CDs), 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. To monitor this, students will answer a question on each course evaluation assessing compliance with this policy. In addition, mid-clerkship feedback, which is completed by each student at the midpoint of each rotation, asks students to verify that 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 attending and/or resident supervision present in hospital, outpatient or other clinical settings.

CDs must ensure that non-physician health professionals who teach or supervise medical students are acting within their scope of practice. CDs will evaluate this through a variety of mechanisms, including orientation of these non-physician health professionals to clerkship objectives, teaching strategies and assessment of students. In addition, CDs will meet with non-physician health professionals once each academic year to ensure these health professionals are working within their scope of practice while teaching within the clerkships.