



MEDICAL STUDENT CLINICAL SUPERVISION POLICY

POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Supervisors of Osteopathic Medical Students in the Clinical Setting

The MSUCOM curriculum includes required clinical experiences in various clinical learning environments. The role of the student is to participate in patient care in ways that are appropriate for the student's level of training and experience and to the clinical situation. The student's clinical activities will be under the supervision of licensed physicians or other healthcare providers. This supervising physician may delegate the supervision of the medical student to a resident, fellow, or other qualified healthcare provider, however, the supervising physician retains full responsibility for the supervision of the medical students assigned to the clinical rotation and must ensure their designee(s) are prepared for their roles for supervision of medical students. The physician supervisor and their designee(s) must be members in good standing in their facilities and must have a license appropriate to their specialty of practice and provide supervision that is within their scope of practice as delineated by the credentialing body of the facility.

Level of Supervision/Responsibilities

Clinical supervision is designed to foster progressive responsibility as a student continues through the curriculum, with the supervising physicians providing the medical student the opportunity to take a greater role in patient care as the student demonstrates ability. MSUCOM students will be expected to follow clinical policies of the facility regarding medical records and clinical care. Medical student participation in patient history/ physical exam, critical data analysis, management, and procedures will include factors, but not limited to:

- a. The student's demonstrated ability.
- b. The student's level of education and experience.
- c. The learning objectives of the clinical experience.

First and second year students will be directly supervised at all times (supervising physician or designee present or immediately available). Third- and fourth-year students will be supervised at a level appropriate to the clinical situation and student's level of experience. For some tasks, indirect supervision may be appropriate for some students. Direct supervision would be appropriate for advanced procedures.

Supervising physicians will provide medical students with timely and specific feedback on performance. The supervising physician will complete a mid-rotation evaluative discussion with the medical student. Supervising physicians will complete a summative evaluation and are encouraged to contact the course/clerkship director with any gaps in student performance.

Medical students with any concern regarding clinical, administrative, educational, or safety issues during a rotation will be encouraged to contact the supervising physician or clerkship/course director.