

Policy 2.1.5 UAMS COM Undergraduate Medical Education
Section Learning Environment
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The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines regarding the levels of supervision required of medical students in the UAMS College of Medicine while on clinical services. Recognizing that medical students are learners and are not licensed to provide patient care, the supervising physician retains medical and legal responsibility for the care of the patient. While supervision of medical students may be delegated to housestaff, the supervising faculty attending physician retains full responsibility for the supervision of medical students assigned to clinical rotations. Supervision of medical students is intended to provide progressive patient care responsibility while ensuring patient and student safety. Ultimately, it is the decision of the supervising faculty physician as to which activities the student will be allowed to perform. This decision should be based on a variety of factors including the complexity of the patient case or activity, the potential for untoward effects, the student level of training, and the demonstrated competence, maturity and responsibility of each student in order to ensure the safety and comfort of the patient. The overriding consideration must be student safety and the safe and effective care of the patient.

General clinical supervision: The amount of supervision required for each student will vary according to the level of training and experience of the student. Students may take patient histories, perform physical examinations, and enter findings in the medical record. Notes and orders entered by students in the medical record must be co-signed by either supervising housestaff or attending physician.

Procedural supervision: Medical students may participate in procedures under the supervision of the attending physician except when there is a danger to the student. The attending physician must be appropriately credentialed to perform the procedure.

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