



## Title: Direct and Indirect Supervision on a Rotation

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### Statement:

#### Supervision

Hospital-based rotations may require the student to work with a variety of licensed healthcare professionals at various levels including interns, residents, other health care providers, and attending physicians. The student reports to the person to whom he or she is assigned. Assignments of students to a specific preceptor are made at the discretion of the site’s Director of Medical Education, Clerkship Director, Attending, and/or Resident. Students should not request to work with a specific preceptor at a site unless invited by the site to do so.

In accordance with state laws, COMP’s policy states that students must be supervised for all rotation activities. A student can NEVER substitute for a licensed physician and/or other licensed/certified healthcare provider for any procedure including, but not limited to, surgeries and deliveries. Students may not represent their work on the chart as being done by a physician and students cannot access an electronic medical record using a physician’s (or other healthcare providers) credentials. All medical records must be co-signed by a licensed physician. Students may not independently initiate patient orders, including phone orders.

If a student feels that he or she is being asked to provide patient care or enter documentation in the medical record in a way that conflicts with the policy above, the student must immediately contact the Office of Clinical Education for guidance and resolution regarding the situation.

|   | Step   | Responsible for Implementing     |
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| 1 | Students required to read the clinical education manual and sign an attestation assuring reading and abiding by all policies to include clinical supervision.                          | The College – Clinical Education |
| 2 | The supervision of a medical student will be reviewed during the Introduction of Clinical Education Week beginning third year of medical school prior to beginning clinical rotations. | The College – Clinical Education |

### Regulatory Information:

#### Related Links: Element 5.4 Patient Care Supervision

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#### Responsible Department: COMP/COMP-Northwest Office of Clinical Affairs

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