



SUBJECT Health Professional Students Supervision	POLICY NUMBER 400.001	PAGE 1 of 2
SOURCE Academic Affairs – Administration	ORIGINATION OR LAST REVISION DATE 10/18/05	EFFECTIVE DATE 12/06/05

POLICY

It is the policy of SJHMC Academic Affairs to specify the mechanisms by which medical students, physician assistant students and nurse practitioner students are supervised by members of the Medical Staff. This policy provides guidelines to /attending physicians, residents, medical students, nurse practitioner students, physician assistant students and hospital personnel insuring appropriate supervision is provided and documented when students participate in patient care. The management of each patient's care is the responsibility of a member of the medical staff with clinical privileges.

PROCEDURE:

A. Health Professional Student

1. Activities performed by students shall be under the supervision of a Medical Staff member. The supervising physician is directly responsible for the actions of the student.

2. Daily supervision should begin with the initial contact with the attending physician and the patient. Students should have continued contact with the patient and with the attending physician, which is complete when all the documentation of the hospital stay is collected for the permanent medical record.

3. Medical students, physician assistant students, nurse practitioner students are not medical staff or housestaff.

4. ***Co-signature is required on all medical record entries and orders written by Medical Students, physician assistant students, and nurse practitioner students.*** Orders may not be carried out until countersigned by the supervision physician.

5. Clinical activities shall be limited to those of the clinical privileges granted to the supervising Medical Staff member and agreed upon by the hospital, preceptor program and the sponsoring Medical Staff member. Students may do History & Physical examinations at the supervising physician's discretion.
6. Students are not allowed to examine or treat Emergency Department patients without the physical presence of the supervising physician or a designated physician within the hospital.
7. Students shall identify themselves to patients as a health professional student under a supervising physician. Students must wear the CHW name tag.

DEFINITIONS:

Medical, Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant Student:

Medical, physician assistant, advanced practice registered nurse students who are in training, with in an accredited training program, that has an education affiliation agreement with St. Joseph's Hospital (Phoenix) and has been approved by the Department of Academic Affairs for on-site rotation.

REFERENCES: SJH Medical Staff Bylaws, Rules and Regulations
 AMB/ State of Arizona Medical Practice Act Statutes
 ACGME Requirements
 JCAHO: MS.2.5, MS.6.9
 CMS Resident Supervision Regulations
 Medical Education Chain of Command Policy

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ACGME	10/18/05
CHW	10/18/05
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RISK/LEGAL	10/18/05
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