



LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY

School of Medicine

OPERATING POLICY

GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT SUPERVISION AND SAFETY ON CLERKSHIPS AND ELECTIVES

CATEGORY: Medical Education

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Governing Policy:

Related Entity Specific Policy:

Loma Linda University School of Medicine is committed to training excellent clinicians, while ensuring patient and student safety through the appropriate supervision of medical students in all clinical areas.

1. The Curriculum Committee of the School of Medicine has determined the following guidelines for student patient care:
2. Each clinical department / clerkship shall be responsible for ensuring student and patient safety in the clinical experiences of their clerkship and/or electives.
3. At each clerkship/elective orientation students must be informed of the expectations for their participation and supervision in patient care. Clerkship / Elective directors are responsible -for informing faculty and residents of these same expectations.
4. Clerkship/Elective directors are responsible for assigning students to designated faculty and resident supervisors for all clinical experiences and for ensuring that faculty, residents, and students are made aware of these assignments. Students are to be provided with rapid, reliable systems for communicating with supervising faculty and resident physicians.
5. The amount of supervision required for each student will vary according to the clinical task and clinical status of each patient and should be commensurate with the student's level of training, education, and clinical experience.
6. Supervision is designed to foster progressive responsibility. Whenever clinically appropriate, supervisors should provide opportunities for students to demonstrate increasing independence and responsibility for patient care.

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7. Where clinically and educationally appropriate, physicians who are supervising medical students may delegate responsibility for some elements of teaching and supervision to non-physician care providers (e.g. physician assistants, nurses, etc.) within the institution. It will be the responsibility of the supervising physician to determine which learning experiences are appropriately delegated and to ensure the non-physicians providing such supervision are working within their scope of practice.
8. Medical students are not to be involved in any portion of the medical care of other medical students.

*adapted from: Yale School of Medicine Policies