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POLICY

Burrell College of Health Sciences School of Osteopathic Medicine (BCSOM) students engaged in patient care at affiliated training sites shall do so under the supervision of a licensed health care provider who has been credentialed to provide that scope of care.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL:

BCSOM Associate Dean of Clinical Education

PROCEDURE:

1. BCSOM students engaged in patient care activities shall, at all times, be supervised by a duly licensed member of the faculty who retains privileges for the scope of care being provided. Faculty or a similarly credentialed designee (resident or fellow with approved privileges) must be immediately available in the facility where the activity is taking place. Students who have demonstrated competence to the faculty may perform patient histories and physical examinations without immediate supervision if directed to do so by faculty.
2. BCSOM students may perform such additional tasks as may be directed by supervising faculty upon demonstrating competence to perform those tasks. In most instances, the provision of patient care shall require the immediate presence of a duly credentialed supervising provider who has ascertained the trainees' level of proficiency.
3. The College shall ensure distribution of this procedure to students and faculty as part of the orientation plan for clinical training.
4. Students who fail to follow procedures for clinical supervision may be removed from patient care activities at the discretion of the BCSOM Dean or her/his designee pending a disciplinary review.
5. Faculty who fail to observe supervision procedures may be removed from participation in College training programs.

CROSS REFERENCES:

BCSOM Preceptor Manual; BCSOM Clerkship Manual