

STUDENTS

I. POLICY

Students may have contact with patients only under the supervision of a DRHS employee, a member of the Medical Staff or Allied Health Professional Staff. Skills identified as high risk or problem prone may not be performed independently until competency has been assessed by a designated DRHS employee or member of the medical staff.

II. DEFINITIONS

A. Students:

- persons who are actively enrolled in an accredited program for health sciences or an accredited LCME/AOA/CPME school of medicine: medical doctor, osteopathy, or podiatry; or accredited physician assistant program that has contracted with the Hospital for the clinical supervision of its students.
- The accredited educational program shall have a contract with the Hospital.
- The student works in assistant role and does not have the authority to act as an employee.
- Students are divided into four categories:
 - No Patient Contact < 40 hours;
 - No Patient Contact > 40 hours;
 - Patient Contact with direct Supervision; and
 - Patient Contact without direct supervision.
 - Supervision is defined as activities under the direct line of sight by a DRHS employee, member of the Medical Staff or Allied Health Professional, or program instructor. Student supervision is based on applicable Georgia law concerning scope of practice and hospital student job descriptions. See Appendix A.

III. PROCEDURE(S) FOR IMPLEMENTATION

- A. Contract must be in place with the accredited program.
- B. The student in conjunction with his/her accredited program requests approval for a clinical rotation. The student's academic program must verify, in writing, that the student is in good standing and meets the necessary health requirements as outlined in Hospital Policy OH-014. Students are required to be oriented to the hospital's mission and goals; policies and procedures (infection control and safety); specific job duties; cultural diversity and sensitivity, patient rights and ethical treatment; interaction with patients and response to unusual clinical events, and security. See Appendix A.
- C. The academic program must also verify that the school's professional liability insurance extends coverage to the clinical rotation and must provide a current certificate of insurance.
- D. The Hospital may charge the program a fee for each clinical rotation.
- E. The applicable department will verify current licensure, certification or registration, education, experience, and competency appropriate to the assigned responsibilities.
- F. The student or accredited teaching program is responsible for submitting a criminal background check prior to the student's clinical rotation.
- G. The student or accredited teaching program is responsible for submitting a Drug screen prior to the student's clinical rotation as follows:
 - No Patient Contact > 40 hours (one month period or greater) – Five (5) panel drug screen
Five (5) Panel screen includes Amphetamines, cocaine, marijuana, opiates and phencyclidine.
 - Patient Contact > 40 hours with/without supervision – Ten (10) panel drug screen
Ten (10) Panel screen includes Amphetamines, cocaine, marijuana, opiates, phencyclidine, benzodiazapine, barbituates, propoxyphene, oxycodone/oxymorphone, and meperidine.
- H. In addition, students are subject to testing when a DRHS employee, a member of the Medical Staff or Allied Health Professional Staff has a cause to suspect alcohol or drug use. A reasonable cause might come from an

assessment of attendance problems, a change in the student's behavior, or accident in the hospital, etc. Random screening can be conducted with approval from Risk Management and the accredited program. No student is legally required to submit to such testing, but any student refusing to submit to testing will be refused entry into the hospital.

- I. Students shall act within the limits of his/her job description under the direction of a DRHS employee or a sponsoring physician member of the medical staff or Allied Health Professional with appropriate clinical privileges. Participation in clinical conferences, rounds, and discussions is open to the student.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Students will follow these steps for clearance of a clinical rotation:
 - a. The student must meet criteria in Section III.
 - b. Students rotating with a physician member of the Medical staff will receive a clearance letter from Medical Staff Services.
 - c. The clearance letter must be presented to hospital personnel on the unit where the student is performing a clinical rotation.
 - d. Instruction and compliance monitoring in surgical scrub and other sterile technique is required for the student to rotate through the operating room. The presence of the student shall not replace medical personnel or Licensed Independent Practitioner normally part of the plan of care.
 - e. Students will wear clothing and identifying badge that clearly shows his/her name and status and training program. If school does not supply identifying badge, one may be purchased from the hospital for \$15.00.

V. ORIENTATION/COMPETENCY EXPECTATIONS

- A. Hospital wide competency expectations are listed in Appendix A.
- B. Each department is responsible for providing department and job specific orientation to the student. For those students with physician members of the medical staff, the physician is responsible for same.

VI. HEALTH IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

- A. Each department will ensure that the program/student provides the following information for each student/intern:
 - a. PPD skin test results documented within the previous 12 months or if positive PPD, chest x-ray within the last year;
 - b. Immunization records or immune titer results for rubella, rubeola and mumps and Varicella (chicken pox) history;
 - c. Immunization records and/or immune titer results for hepatitis B or declination form;
 - d. Students who have an exposure to blood and/or body fluids will receive initial evaluation, counseling and treatment. Treatment or referral for further care and chemoprophylaxis will be in accordance with school policy and/or individual insurance guidelines.

VII. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- A. Students with no patient contact < 40 hours will not be given access to information systems.
- B. Students with patient contact > 40 hours may be given access to information systems if necessary and the student completes the appropriate training.
- C. All students must sign a disclosure statement.
- D. All student access must be electronically requested through the DRHS Access Request System. Please contact Client Services at 15757 if there are any questions regarding access to or use of the system.
- E. All students will adhere to all DRHS information systems and security policies. These policies may be found on the DRHS intranet.
- F. To schedule students for SCM training contact _____ at _____.

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