

## Appendix K: Guidelines Related to Skills Performance

### University of Mississippi Medical Center School of Nursing Guidelines related to Skills Performance by Pre-licensed students

The student may perform only those skills for which

- the student has a knowledge base, and
- can demonstrate competence, and
- the supervising RN is willing to take responsibility for the outcome.

Any invasive skill/procedure the student has not previously performed, or any skill/procedure the student is hesitant to perform alone, must be **directly supervised** by the preceptor, designated RN, or faculty.

Students must work within 1) agency policy regarding the performance of any skill/procedure policy and 2) the guidelines listed below.

#### 1. Faculty supervision or RN supervision is required throughout the clinical rotation for the following procedures (the student is never allowed to do these unsupervised):

- Venipuncture
- Urethral catheterization
- IV push meds
- Blood draws from central line, A-line or PICC
- Invasive monitoring; e.g. arterial lines, pulmonary artery pressure monitoring
- Patient transfers; e.g. from ICU to floor
- Transcribing orders
- Remove controlled substances from locked storage
- Administer and document controlled substances (narcotic sign out must be co-signed by the preceptor or other designated nurse)
- Discontinue A-lines, central lines
- Discontinue endotracheal tubes
- Titrate IV medications
- Access chemoports or access ports
- Endotracheal, Nasotracheal or tracheal suctioning

#### 2. Undergraduate students may NOT do the following:

- Take or accept verbal or telephone orders
- Perform arterial sticks
- Perform defibrillation or cardioversion
- Perform vaginal exams
- Document on Medicare forms such as 485 or 486
- Give epidural boluses or monitor epidural medication administration

- Count controlled substances for shift change
- Pick up controlled substances from the pharmacy
- Administer anesthesia conscious sedation
- Administer blood or blood products
- Administer lipids, hyperalimentation, rejection medications and/or experimental medications
- Administer intramuscular or intravenous chemotherapy medications
- Discontinue hemodynamic catheters
- Discontinue chest tubes
- Witness consent forms
- Manage epidural pain medication
- Manage ventilator, autoinfusion devices, or dialysis devices (hemo or peritoneal)

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