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
   - Titrage 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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