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GEISEL SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Medical Students Performing Invasive Procedures Policy

Summary of Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to inform students and faculty of the parameters in which students may perform invasive procedures on a patient.

Scope and Applicability

This policy applies to all Geisel medical students and faculty involved with performing invasive procedures.

Definitions

Invasive: Involving the introduction of instruments or other objects into the body or body cavities.

Policy Statement

Prerequisites

- To perform invasive procedures at the accredited medical school, Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth or their affiliated sites, students must be a student in good academic standing.
- Prior to performing such procedures, the student shall receive appropriate training in the technique.
- Students may not perform basic procedures (including venipuncture, IV insertion, arterial blood drawing, etc.) alone, without first having demonstrated proficiency under direct supervision. More advanced procedures (including NG tube insertion, lumbar puncture, etc.) must always be performed under direct supervision.
- There will be periodic and ongoing reviews of the students' performance.
- Any patient involved should be made aware that a medical student might be performing any of the procedures as listed above.

Supervision

- These invasive procedures shall be performed under the supervision and control of a duly privileged physician who shall assume full responsibility for the acts or omissions of the medical student.

- Faculty with an appropriate level of medical expertise shall establish, on a prospective basis, the types of procedures that the students in question will be able to perform, and the circumstances in which these procedures can be performed.

Procedure

None.

LCME Standard

None.

Related Information: Documents, Policies, Links, Etc.

Exposure to Blood-Borne Pathogens & Other Exposures or Injuries Policy

Policy Administration

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History

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Background

None.