

# Preceptor Guidebook

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## **Preface**

The WMed Preceptor Guidebook serves to establish standards to assure a comparable experience for all students during each clerkship. Included you will find learner, educator, and staff member expectations as well as helpful references to the Medical Student and Faculty Handbooks. Recommendations are provided to facilitate preparation for the arrival of medical students in both inpatient and ambulatory settings.

Descriptions of the characteristics of excellent teachers are provided to assist faculty in reflecting upon their key roles in medical student education. Guidelines for student assessment are provided as well, to facilitate consistency in observing, assessing, providing feedback, and documenting student performance.

Our goal is to provide a useful guidebook for all teaching physicians. Please direct your feedback regarding this guidebook to Clerkship Directors, the Assistant Dean for Clinical Applications, and/or the Associate Dean for Educational Affairs. With our new digital format, we aim to continuously improve this guide to best serve your needs.

Thank you for your commitment to our medical students as you provide outstanding care to the patients you serve.

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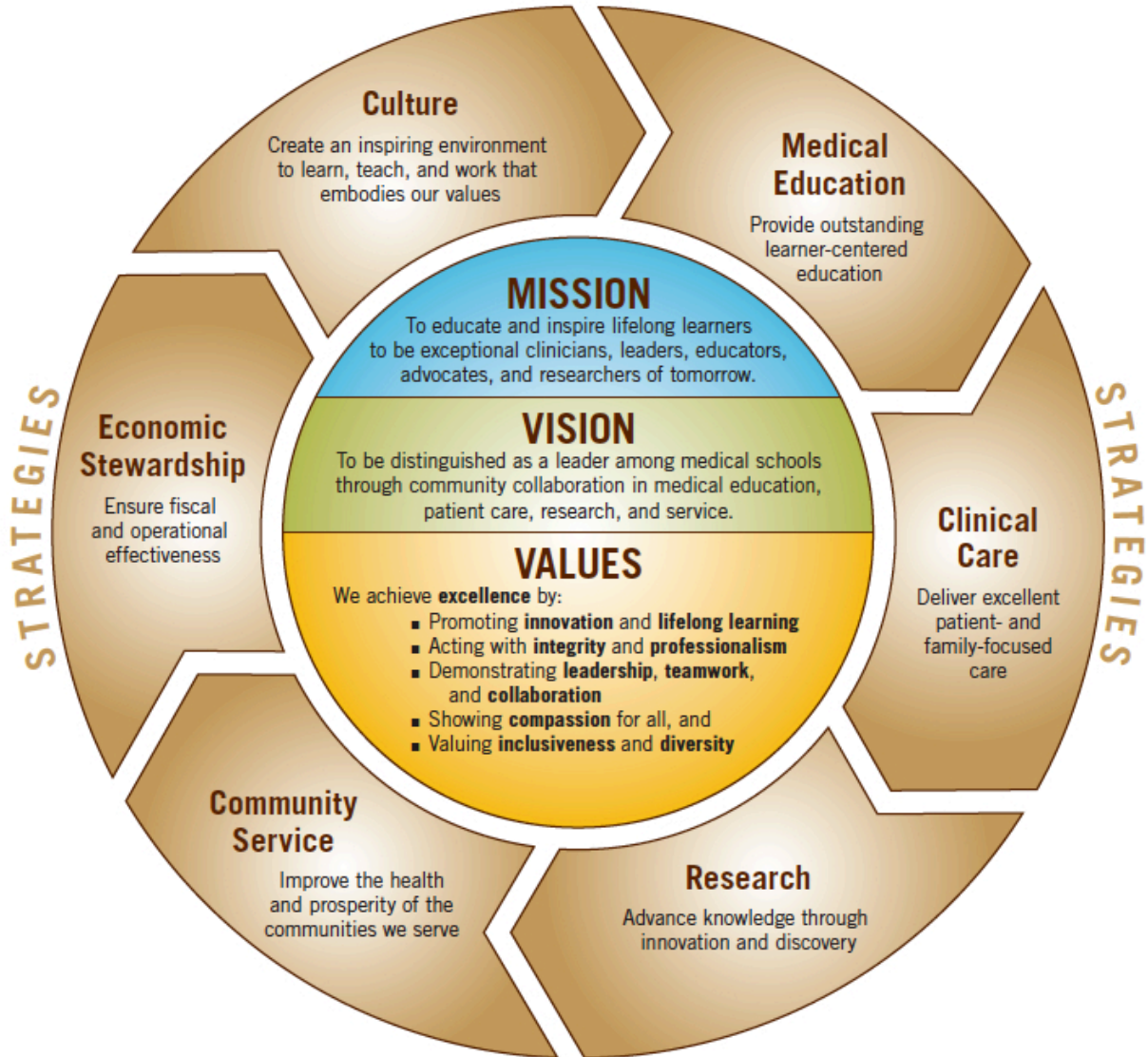
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# Mission, Vision, and Values

## 2014-2018 STRATEGIC PLAN





# WMed Educational Pledge

Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine is committed to providing an environment that promotes excellence in teaching and learning, service, research and discovery, and the practice of medicine and clinical care. All persons in the medical school shall respect every person's worth and dignity, and contribute to a positive learning environment. To that end, medical students, residents, fellows, faculty, staff and administrators take this pledge to create an atmosphere in which all participants can teach and learn to the best of their abilities.

## **As a Learner at Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine, I pledge to:**

- Acquire the knowledge, skills, attitudes and behaviors necessary to fulfill all established educational objectives
- Treat educators, learners, staff and patients with respect and fairness
- Embody the professional virtues of integrity, altruism, respect, collaboration, empathy, compassion, honesty, courage, and trustworthiness in all of my interactions
- Respect others by being on time for and participating fully in all educational and clinical experiences
- Take responsibility for my learning experience and commit the time and energy to studies necessary to achieve the goals and objectives of each experience
- Communicate concerns and provide educators with timely feedback, constructive suggestions and opportunities for improvement for the curriculum, didactic methods, and the learning environment in a respectful and professional manner
- Assist my fellow learners in meeting their professional obligations, while fulfilling my own obligations as a professional
- Be willing to try new methods, ideas, technologies and other innovations with a positive and inquisitive attitude, accepting that the pursuit of knowledge and positive change includes some risk of failure but contributes to a positive learning environment

## **As an Educator at Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine, I pledge to:**

- Strive to maintain currency in my professional knowledge and skills
- Strive for excellence in my instruction that conveys knowledge and skills in an effective format for learning
- Accept feedback and strive to improve my teaching skills
- Treat educators, learners, staff and patients with respect and fairness
- Embody the professional virtues of integrity, altruism, respect, collaboration, empathy, compassion, honesty, courage, and trustworthiness in all of my interactions
- Respect others by being on time for and participating fully in all educational and clinical experiences
- Provide learners with timely, formative feedback in a professional and respectful manner with constructive suggestions and opportunities for improvement and remediation
- Assess learners equally and objectively based on performance and without influence of conflicts of interest or conflicts of commitment
- Provide proper notification and respond appropriately to unprofessional behavior by any participant in the educational process
- Nurture learner commitment to achieve personal, family and professional balance
- Be willing to try new methods, ideas, technologies and other innovations with a positive and inquisitive attitude, accepting that the pursuit of knowledge and positive change includes some risk of failure but contributes to a positive learning environment

## **As a Staff Member at Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine, I pledge to:**

- Strive to maintain currency in my professional knowledge and skills
- Help ensure excellence of an educational curriculum that conveys knowledge and skills in an effective format for learning
- Treat educators, learners, staff and patients with respect and fairness
- Embody the professional virtues of integrity, altruism, respect, collaboration, empathy, compassion, honesty, courage, and trustworthiness in all of my interactions
- Be willing to try new methods, ideas, technologies and other innovations with a positive and inquisitive attitude, accepting that the pursuit of knowledge and positive change includes some risk of failure but contributes to a positive learning environment



## **Preceptor Expectations**

Preceptors play a vital role in transforming medical students into exceptional clinical practitioners. Preceptors model professionalism, engender enthusiasm, encourage excellence, and facilitate continuous learning. They accomplish this by providing a rich learning environment that is grounded in the real practice of medicine. Preceptors enrich this environment by sharing their past experiences and clinical knowledge in a manner that helps students apply their classroom learning experiences to clinical practice.

### Preceptors

- Assure students are supervised appropriately (by residents/or attending physicians)
- Are knowledgeable regarding EPAs, student knowledge, skill, and attitude development
- Provide clear expectations to students
- With residents, observe, assess, and provide ongoing feedback to students to facilitate progress in EPA development
- As appropriate, delegates supervision and teaching to residents

### The Learning Environment

- Create the supportive learning environment
  - Discuss professional expectations, Culture of safety, Appropriate supervision, Monitoring work hours/Fatigue management (hidden curriculum), Establish system for providing daily feedback
- Supervisors and Preceptors are role models
- Be explicit with students when learning is
  - Patient-centered
  - Student/Learning Focused
- Be available for student questions, advising support

### Model Concepts

- Focus the teacher-learner encounter on the decision-making process used by the learner. What did the learner do?
- Teacher needs access to the data the learner used in decision making and the decision-making process used
- Keep teaching encounters brief, less than 5 minutes (called the learning moment)

### Getting Commitment

- Learner commits to the learning opportunity (diagnosis, work-up, or treatment plan)
- Learner should feel responsible for care of the patient (collaborative role in problem solving)

- Supportive environment for learning: honesty, admit limitations (the teacher), model reflection, and evidence-based practice.

### Facilitating Questions

- What do you think is going on?
- What laboratory test are indicated? Most likely to yield the information needed?
- What would you like to accomplish in this session or during this visit?
- What might contribute to this patient's non-adherence?

### Probe for Supportive Evidence

- What were the major findings which led to this diagnosis or plan?
- What is the reasoning behind recommending this medication?
- What factors did you take into account when you...
- What else should be considered?

### Teach/Reinforce

- If appropriate, teach the pearl or general rule
- If the opportunity presents itself, reinforce what was done well...considered patient's economic situation, spent extra time listening, proceeded to get help, or checked the literature
- If appropriate provide constructive feedback regarding mistakes

### Encourage Learning

- Foster self-directed learning
- This cycle is similar to evidence-based practice
  - Reflect on information/knowledge needed
  - Create a searchable question
  - Search for the best literature/answer
  - Appraise, apply, measure effect
- What do you need to learn more about?
- What additional information do we need?

### The One Minute Preceptor

- Furney, SL, Orsini, AN, et al. (2001). Teaching the One-Minute Preceptor: A Randomized Controlled Trial. *Journal of General Internal Medicine*. 16:620-624

## **Medical Student Supervision on Clinical Services**

Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine (WMed) has established guidelines regarding the levels of supervision required of all students in the pursuit of their undergraduate medical training. WMed is committed to medical student education that will produce the highest quality physicians, while at the same time ensuring that patient safety is of the utmost priority. WMed provides all medical students with clinical experience that is progressive and in accordance with requirements of the Liaison Committee for Medical Education (LCME).

Medical students are learners and are not licensed to provide patient care. Supervising faculty and resident physicians are responsible for the evaluation and management of all patients. While some supervision of medical students may be delegated to house staff, the attending physician is ultimately responsible for the direct supervision of all medical students assigned to the clinical rotation.

While engaged in clinical activities, medical students should be incorporated into and accepted as a member of the patient care team. Students are permitted to participate in care of patients and expected to demonstrate appropriate responsibility for patient care. The extent of such responsibility should commensurate with the student's level of training and demonstrated abilities.

Course/clerkship directors will provide specific guidance to students to explain the student's level of responsibility and the scope of approved activities and procedures expected or permitted. This information will be shared with all teaching faculty, residents and staff annually.

### **Faculty commit to:**

- Providing consistent direct supervision during all clinical activities
- Direct supervision of all students is provided by qualified faculty and/or resident physicians at all times that a student is on duty or on call.
- Students are provided with rapid, reliable systems for communicating with faculty and resident physicians.
- Supervision is designed to foster progressive responsibility as determined by each student's level of training and experience.
- Supervision is based on a student's ability, level of training and demonstrated competence, as well as specific goals and objectives for the rotation.
- Supervision is designed to provide constructive feedback in any problem areas encountered during the rotation and to facilitate mid-clerkship assessment and feedback.

- Supervision is designed to verify student-generated reports in a timely manner. Any major changes made to a report are discussed with students to enhance education.
- Faculty, residents, and students are educated to recognize the signs of fatigue and adopt and apply policies to prevent and counteract the potential negative effects.
- Respecting the needs and expectations of patients and contributions of other healthcare team members
- Nurturing the intellectual, professional, and personal development of all learners
- Fostering academic excellence, professionalism, cultural sensitivity, and commitment to maintaining competency
- Demonstrate respect for all learners, patients, families, and healthcare professionals without regard to gender, race, origin, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, and ability

To facilitate the education of medical students, attending physicians and/or resident physicians must do the following:

- While providing appropriate supervision, allow opportunities for students to demonstrate knowledge, skills and attitudes in patient care including:
  - Taking patient histories, performing complete and/or focused physical examinations and entering findings in the medical record of the patient with the approval of the patient's supervising attending physician and with review and oversight by the attending physician or designated house staff.
  - Writing daily progress notes, entering orders, and coordinating care in a fashion commensurate with their training level. The findings entered in the medical record of the patient will be for educational and student evaluation purposes only and cannot be used in lieu of any required medical staff and/or house staff documentation.
    - Students must clearly sign all entries in the medical record, along with the designation that they are medical students. Supervising attending physicians or graduate medical trainees are to review student notes and all order entries.
  - Performing specified, approved procedures under the direct supervision of the attending physician or designated house staff. In all patient care contacts the patient shall be made aware that the individual providing the care and/or performing the procedure is a student.
  - Review focused topics related to patients on the service and report information back to the team to demonstrate self-directed, clinical learning and application of knowledge to the care of patients.
- Provide students with regular feedback, both appreciative and constructive.
  - The clerkship/course director should be notified immediately if serious academic or professional gaps in student performance exist. Students should also perform regular self-assessment and report to the attending physician and resident identified areas for improvement along with a plan

for such improvement. Students should be encouraged to contact the attending and/or the clerkship/course director with problems or concerns in any clinical, administrative, professional or educational matters.

- Serve as a positive role model and demonstrate professionalism, empathy and collegiality.

## **Medical Student Duty Hours**

The following guidelines help ensure that students are not over-extending their clinic time at the expense of their own health and personal study time. Excessive work hours can diminish the impact of training by decreasing the time students have to read and assimilate information. Generally, student hours should mirror those of the physicians and residents that the student is assigned to work with. If the physicians and residents work late, the medical student should stay late, and if the physicians and residents work on weekends, the medical student should be present on weekends.

Medical students rotating on clinical services are subject, by medical school standards, to the same principles that govern duty hours for first-year residents, based on current ACGME duty hour standards. The medical school develops student schedules following these principles:

- Medical student duty hours include clinical and academic activities that are part of the medical student curriculum (ie, patient care, experiences including provision for transfer of patient care, and scheduled academic activities such as conferences). Medical student duty hours do not include study time while away from the duty site.
- Duty hours are limited to a maximum of 80 hours per week, averaged over a four-week period.
- There must be at least one day free of duty every seven days, averaged over a four-week period.
- Continuous on-site duty, including in-hospital overnight call, must not exceed 24 continuous hours.
- There should be at least 10 hours, and there must be at least eight hours, free of duty between scheduled duty periods.
- Medical students may be assigned duty periods that fall outside of normal workday hours. There must be no more than six consecutive nights of scheduled night duty periods.

The medical school encourages and expects students to report duty hour circumstances that are not consistent with medical school standards. These circumstances should be reported to the Clerkship Director, associate dean for Student Affairs, or using the online form, "Report of Duty Hours Concern." The medical school does not tolerate punitive actions against students who, in good faith, report potential duty hour concerns, even if the concerns prove unsubstantiated.

## **Clerkship Attendance**

### **Core Clinical Clerkship Absence Policy**

Students are expected to be present for all components of each clerkship. Personal activities such as weddings should be conducted during scheduled off days. Requests for scheduled absences (including religious observances and student presentations at professional conferences) are to be submitted at least 30 days prior to the first day of the absence using the course/clerkship absence form. If permission for an absence is granted, it is the student's responsibility to notify his or her clinical preceptor.

Illness or other unplanned personal events may necessitate absence. The supervising attending/senior resident, clerkship coordinator, and the clerkship director must be notified immediately. Students who are ill are expected to seek appropriate medical care and provide documentation. While all requests are subject to approval of the clerkship director, examples of acceptable unplanned absences include death of a close family member or serious illness/hospitalization of yourself or a close family member.

Students must successfully demonstrate all clerkship objectives. Students must attend all scheduled didactic and assessment activities. If a student misses any mandatory session(s), they must be remediated by the end of that week. Remediation of missed days within allotted limits may or may not require additional clinical experiences. Absences beyond designated limits will require additional clinical time. All remediation decisions are at the discretion of the clerkship director. Students will receive a grade of incomplete until all remediation is complete.

- Students are allowed up to three excused absences in a core clerkship which must be remediated by the end of the rotation.

### **Advanced Clinical Absence Policy**

Students are expected to be present for all components of each clerkship. Requests for scheduled absences (including religious observances and student presentations at professional conferences) are to be submitted at least 30 days prior to the first day of the absence using the course/clerkship absence form. If permission for an absence is granted, it is the student's responsibility to notify his or her clinical preceptor.

Illness or other unplanned personal events may necessitate absence. The supervising attending/senior resident, clerkship coordinator, and the clerkship director must be notified immediately. Students who are ill are expected to seek appropriate medical care and provide documentation. While all requests are subject to approval of the clerkship director, examples of acceptable unplanned absences include death of a close family member or serious illness/hospitalization of yourself or a close family member.



Students must successfully demonstrate all clerkship objectives. Students must attend all scheduled orientation, didactic and assessment activities. If a student misses any mandatory session(s), they must be remediated by the end of that week. Remediation of missed days within allotted limits may or may not require additional clinical experiences. Absences beyond designated limits will require additional clinical time. All remediation decisions are at the discretion of the clerkship director. Students will receive a grade of incomplete until all remediation is complete.

- In a 2-week block, students are allowed one excused absence which must be remediated by the end of the clerkship.
- In a 4-week block, students are allowed up to two excused absences which must be remediated by the end of the clerkship.

## **Code of Professional Conduct**

The Code of Professional Conduct outlines professional standards and behaviors that are aligned with the essential values of the Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine (WMed) and the medical community. This code applies to all WMed faculty (including regular, clinical, community, adjunct, and emeriti faculty), residents, fellows, students, and staff. All WMed faculty, residents, fellows, students, and staff are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the high ethical standards expected of physicians, educators, and healthcare professionals. Physicians, and medical students' after graduation, are licensed to practice medicine and assume responsibilities for the life and welfare of others. Each individual participating in clinical care, education, research, and service must demonstrate competence and behaviors consistent with their responsibilities.

## **Electronic Health Record**

### **Definitions:**

#### Designated Record Set

“Designated record set” as used in this policy has the meaning as defined in the HIPAA Privacy Rule, 45 C.F.R. & 164.501, as “The medical records and billing records about individuals maintained by or for a covered health care provider... that is used, in whole or in part, by or for the covered entity to make decisions about individuals.”

#### Authorized Attending Physician

An “authorized attending physician” is a licensed physician who is a member of the WMed faculty who has been approved by WMed to supervise the education, training and clinical practice of the medical students and resident physicians enrolled in undergraduate and graduate medical education programs at WMed.

[Note: For the purpose of this policy the term “valid progress note” is synonymous with the term “personal note” as it is used in CMS Manual System Publication 100-04, Medicare Claims Processing; Transmittal 2303; Change Request: 7378 dates September 14, 2011.]

#### Valid Progress Note

A “valid progress note” is a progress note created in an electronic health record system (EHR) associated with a specific patient encounter that is locked and signed by an authorized attending physician using the electronic signature technology of the EHR and that, in the professional opinion of the attending physician who locked and signed the note, adequately and accurately documents the patient encounter for all relevant medical, legal, and billing purposes.

A valid progress note is presumed to be reviewed and approved as complete and accurate by the attending physician who signs and locks the note. Once he or she signs and locks the note, the attending physician takes ownership of all the information contained in the note and is responsible for any and all errors and omission in the note, regardless of the means by which the information was created in the note, unless the errors and omissions are due to a technical malfunction, data entry error, or other outside process over which the physician has no control AND such errors and omissions could not be detected by careful review by a competent licensed professional. A progress notes that meets this definition is valid regardless of the specific methodologies, technologies or workflows used to create the note.

### Creation of a progress note in the EHR:

A valid progress note can be created by the attending physician in the EHR using a variety of methodologies, technologies, and workflows, including, but not limited to: typing directly into the note; adding pre-built templates; structured data, or macro-generated text into the note; electronically pasting or merging text or data from other relevant documents generated by the attending physician or other clinician; and merging or downloading data from devices such as blood pressure cuffs, EKGs, and spirometers.

Sections of the note may also be created by medical students, residents, nurses, PAs, therapists, social workers, and other authorized individuals provide the contribution of each individual can be clearly identified as to content and time of entry.

The progress note becomes a valid progress note when, after performing the necessary review, and completing any required modifications or revisions, and after adding the appropriate attestation language for services rendered by a resident, the attending physician locks and signs the note.

### Medical student documentation in the progress note:

Learning how to document patient care in the medical record is an essential part of the education of medical students. Medical students should learn to provide complete and comprehensive patient documentation that includes all relevant aspects of the medical history, physical examination, laboratory findings, medical decision making and treatment plan in the patient's medical record. Medical students should learn and refine their documentation skills in a clinic environment using all available health information technology tool, wherever and whenever possible.

Medical students may enter information directly in an unlocked and unsigned attending physician's note provide appropriate audit, logging, and tracking tools are in place to identify the author of each entry as well as the date and time of the entry.

Medical students may participate in different parts of a patient encounter and document in the appropriate section of the note as follows:

- Medical students may take and document past family and social history (PFSH) without teaching physician being present.
- Medical students may conduct and document a review of systems (ROS) without the teaching physician being present.
- Medical students may conduct and document an HPI. The teaching assistant must verify the HPI, review any student documentation of the HPI, and correct, edit, or revise the documentation as needed to reflect the findings of the teaching physician.

- Medical students may perform and document an examination. The teaching physician must also perform the examination and correct, edit or revise the documentation as needed to reflect the findings of the teaching physician.

Medical students may also create a separate medical student note to document patient encounters.

Use of medical student note by attending physicians in the creation of a progress note:

Text and other information created by the medical student in a separate medical student note is not part of the designated record set of the patient medical record. The text and other information created by the medical student only becomes part of the designated record set of the medical record when it is actively selected for inclusion in a valid progress note by an authorized provider and subsequently reviewed, edited, or modified as needed and then locked by the authorized attending physician.

With the exception of a review of systems (ROS) and the recording of the past, family, and/or social history (PFSH) of the patient. Any contribution and participation of a medical student to the performance of a billable service must be performed in the physical presence of an attending physician. Any documentation of such service by a medical student in a medical student note may then be used by an attending physician in the creation of a progress note. The attending physician may document the relevant information from the medical student note into the valid progress note. Documentation can be performed using all available documentation tools of the EHR, including copy forward, and copy/paste features, provided that the EHR has the capability to log all actions that went into constructing the note and that the log clearly identifies the author of each entry, modification, edit, or other activity.

A review of systems (ROS) and the recording of the past, family, and/or social history (PFSH) of the patient may be performed by a medical student without an attending physician being physically present. Any documentation of these services created by a medical student may also be used in the creation of a progress note.

**General Guidelines for Medical Student Use of Electronic Health Record Systems During Clerkship:**

Purpose of these Guidelines:

Learning how to use an electronic health record (EHR) is an important part of the education and training of medical students. Medical students should be trained to use an EHR early in their medical school education and should make full use of the EHR during clerkship.

The Alliance for Clinical Education (ACE) has developed best practices recommendations for medical student use of EHR. These best practices specify that the medical student should learn to:

- Search for data within the EHR
- Review patient care protocols
- Find and use disease specific templates, reminders and decision support tools
- Enter data into the appropriate fields in the EHR
- Review screening and prevention recommendations for a given patient, bringing these to the attention of the supervising physician if needed
  
- Become familiar with and use associated EHR functionality for:
  - Selection of diagnoses, CPT/ICD-10 codes, and how these are linked to billing
  - Order entry, including linked diagnoses to tests
  - E-prescribing
  - Capturing Patient Centered Medical Home and other quality metrics
  - Capturing “Meaningful Use” metrics
  - Running queries that practices use for population management

**Workflow required for complying with CMS rules regarding student documentation in the medical record:**

CMS permits medical students to document in the medical record of a patient. CMS rules specify the following:

- Med students may take and document past family and social history (PFSH) without teaching physician being present.
- Med students may conduct and document a review of systems (ROS) without the teaching physician being present.
- Med students may take and document an HPI. The teaching physician must verify the PHI, review any student documentation of the HPI, and correct, edit, or revise the documentation as needed to reflect the findings of the teaching physician.
- Medical students may perform and document an examination. The teaching physician must also perform the examination and correct, edit or revise the documentation as needed to reflect the findings of the teaching physician.

## Roles and Responsibilities

### Medical Students:

- Understand and comply with the policy “MEDICAL STUDENT DOCUMENTATION IN THE ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD”.
- Understand his or her role on the team
- Use his or her log-in when entering information in the EHR
- Enter documentation as required on a timely basis
- Proactively seek guidance/assistance if unsure about how to use the EHR
- Alert the teaching physician to any documentation needing review by the teaching physician
- Report any mistakes, missteps or other errors made in using EHR

### Teaching physician

- Understand and comply with the policy “MEDICAL STUDENT DOCUMENTATION IN THE ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD”
- Explain to the medical student his or her role on the treatment team
- Verify, re-perform, review, edit, correct, confirm, and otherwise validate all work performed by the medical student, as well as the associated documentation created by the medical student when such documentation is included as part of the patient record
- Provide meaningful feedback to the medical student that helps him or her improve their use of the EHR

## Technology Requirements

In order to implement workflows and processes that support medical students' full use of an EHR, the EHR technology should have features that:

- Provide a clear audit trail or tracking mechanism so that it can be determined who authored/edited all entries in a note or other documentation and what each user did
- Prevent medical students from performing actions that are not within their permitted scope of practice (e.g. locking and signing a progress note, sending an electronic prescription to a pharmacy, authorizing an order for a diagnostic test, etc.)
- Alert teaching physician when something is pending that needs to be reviewed, signed or authorized

## **WMed Domains of Competencies**

### **Medical Student Competencies**

The overall goal of medical education at the medical school is to train physicians across the continuum from medical school through residency and into practice to be outstanding clinicians, leaders, educators, advocates, and researchers. The medical student curriculum is structured as competencies, which are complex knowledge, skills, attitudes, behaviors, and values applied to specific situations. The medical school defines 58 required competencies across eight domains of competencies. Objectives are stated for each competency and are behavioral statements describing the goals of instruction. The curriculum competencies determine the learning objectives of each event, which inform both the learning activities and the associated assessments.

The competencies underscore that the practice of medicine is simultaneously both an art and a science, and that these separate elements must be integrated through the knowledge, skills, attitudes, behaviors, and values of each individual physician graduate. The medical school provides a competency-based education using a course-based approach with competencies across eight domains that prepares graduates to achieve these goals (Englander R, Cameron T, Ballard AJ, Dodge J, Bull J, Aschenbrener CA: Toward a common taxonomy of competency domains for the health professions and competencies for physicians. Acad Med 2013;88:1088-1094).

Medical students must achieve and demonstrate individually by the time of graduation all of the knowledge, skills, attitudes, behaviors, and values embodied in each of the 58 required competencies across the eight domains.

- Patient Care
- Knowledge for Practice
- Practice-Based Learning and Improvement
- Interpersonal and Communication Skills
- Professionalism
- Systems-Based Practice
- Inter-professional Collaboration
- Personal and Professional Development



## **Required Clerkship Procedural Skills and Competencies**

### **Class of 2019**

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### **Competence: Indirect Supervision with Direct Supervision Immediately Available**

#### **Vital Sign Measurement**

- a) Transition to Medical School Course (August; MS1) / (November; POM CS1) \*
- b) POM CS 1 #
- c) Expected Entrustment by start of clerkships

#### **Hand Hygiene**

- a) Transition to Medical School Course (August; MS1) \*
- b) POM CS 1 #
- c) Expected Entrustment by start of clerkships

#### **Hand Washing, Gowning, Gloving, Sterile Field**

- a) Transition to Clinical Applications Course \*
- b) Transition to Clinical Applications Course #
- c) Expected Entrustment by graduation

#### **Otoscopy and Ophthalmoscopy (using OtoSim and OphthoSim trainers)**

- a) POM CS 1 and 2 – normal (November; MS1 and February MS2)
- b) POM CS 4 – abnormal (January; MS2) \*
- c) POM CS 1, 2, and 4 #
- d) Expected Entrustment by graduation

### **Competence: Direct Supervision Required Throughout Medical School**

#### **Bag-Valve-Mask Ventilation**

- a) Transition to Medical School Course (August; MS1) \*
- b) Transition to Medical School Course (August; MS1) / Transition to Clinical Applications Course #
- c) Expected Entrustment by graduation
- d) Direct supervision required throughout medical school

**Basic Life Support Course (BLS)**

- a) Transitions to Medical School Course / Transition to Clinical Applications Course \* #
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**Phlebotomy**

- a) POM CS 1 (November; MS1) \*
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**Intravenous Catheter Insertion**

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- b) Women's Health or Surgery Clerkship #
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**Nasogastric Tube Insertion**

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- b) Direct supervision required throughout medical school

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## **Advanced Beginner:**

### **Interpret ECG**

- a) POM CS 3 (May; MS2) \*
- b) Medicine and Neurology Clerkship #

### **Lumbar Puncture**

- a) Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine Clerkship\*
- b) Medicine and Neurology Clerkship #

### **ABG, Obtain, and Interpret**

- a) POM CS 4 \*
- b) Advanced Critical Care Clerkship

### **Local Anesthesia**

- a) POM CS 2 (February; MS1) \*
- b) Advanced Emergency Medicine Clerkship

### **Wound management: exploration, cleaning, simple interrupted stitch, dressing, Laceration Repair / Stapling**

- a) Surgery Clerkship \* #

### **Knot Tying (hand & instrument)**

- b) POM CS 2 (February; MS1) \*
- c) Women's Health and Surgery Clerkships \* #

### **Nebulized and Inhaled Medication Delivery**

- a) POM CS 3 (June; MS2) \*
- b) Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine Clerkship

## **Novice:**

### **General Splinting Techniques**

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### **FAST Exam**

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- b) Women's Health and Surgery Clerkships \* #

**Interpret ECG**

- a) POM CS 3 (May; MS2) \*
- b) Medicine Clerkship #



**Interpret Chest XRay**

- a) Medicine Clerkship \* #

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**Joint Injection**

- a) Family and Community Medicine \*

**Local Anesthesia**

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- b) Advanced Emergency Medicine Clerkship \*

**Infant Lumbar Puncture**

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**Nebulized and Inhaled Medication Delivery**

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## Assessment

### Introduction for Completing Summative Clinical Assessment

WMed uses Entrustable Professional Activities for Entering Residency (EPAs) as the guiding principle for assessing student performance in clerkships. The 13 EPAs represent the fundamental knowledge graduating medical students should have and the skills they should be able to perform without direct supervision on Day One of their residency education. The EPAs are further broken down into **Key Functions** which are critical to the performance of the skill set.

#### The 13 EPAs are:

1. Gather history, perform physical examination
2. Prioritize differential diagnosis from clinical encounter
3. Recommend and interpret common diagnostic and screening tests
4. Enter and discuss orders and prescriptions
5. Document a clinical encounter in the patient record
6. Provide oral presentation of a clinical encounter
7. Form clinical questions and retrieve evidence to advance patient care
8. Give or Receive a patient handover to responsibly transition care
9. Collaborate as a team member of an inter-professional team
10. Recognize a patient requiring urgent/emergent care and initiate evaluation and management.
11. Obtain informed consent for tests/procedure
12. Perform general procedures of a physician
13. Identify system failures and contribute to a culture of safety and improvement

Schematics for each EPA and key function may be found as part of the AAMC EPA Project website,

<https://www.aamc.org/initiatives/coreepas/publicationsandpresentations>.

For the 2018-19 Academic Year, WMED will be focusing student assessment at the level of the key function. We will be asking faculty to assess student outcomes based on the developmental trajectories for key functions as outlined by the AAMC.

The **Core Clerkship** (M3) assessments form will list specific key functions and note which EPA it is associated with. The responsibility of the preceptor is to assess the developmental progression toward entrustment for the students precepted. Your ratings should be based on the student's level of performance at the end of his/her time on your service or in your office. Clerkship directors have targeted assessments in the third year to mirror those tasks that are observable by any preceptor in that particular clinical setting. It is important you become familiar with the questions for which you will be asked to assess your students. In addition to rating the performance of EPAs, preceptors will also provide feedback on the foundational competencies required to

entrustment: truthfulness, conscientiousness and discernment. Comments on where students went above and beyond expectations are necessary to achieve an honors grade. **Advanced Clerkships** (M4) will be assessed on a broader number of key functions as we attempt to gather data to review whether a student is “entrustable” for a particular EPA. While our goal is to have as many EPAs assessed in the clinical setting as possible, there will be some that will require simulation or other forms of assessment.

**Elective Clinical Clerkship** assessments will focus on Foundational Competencies and narrative feedback. **Elective Non-Clinical Clerkships** will include additional questions regarding the attainment of learning objectives that were defined at the beginning of the elective.

Narrative feedback is vital to student learning and development as physician. Your comments regarding both what the student has done well and areas to target for growth are critical to future student success. Students need feedback not only on their current level of performance but also suggestions for future improvement (feedback “for learning”).

There are multiple options that faculty can use to organize their narrative comments:

1. EPA developmental schema – review by following link on previous page
2. Supervision that was required by you to ensure safe, effective, appropriate medical care was provided to your patient.

Modified Ottawa scale: (Rekman et al 2016)

In supervising this student, how much did you participate in the task?

1. **“I did it.”** - Student required complete guidance or was unprepared; I had to do most of the work myself.

2. **“I talked them through it.”** - Student was able to perform some tasks but required repeated directions.

3. **“I directed them from time to time.”** – Student demonstrated some independence and only required intermittent prompting.

4. **“I was available just in case.”** - Student functioned fairly independently and only needed assistance with nuances or complex situations.

### 3. RIME

The RIME construct, as defined below, provide students with a consistent index across preceptors and clerkships for identifying their stage of growth and any learning needs they may have.

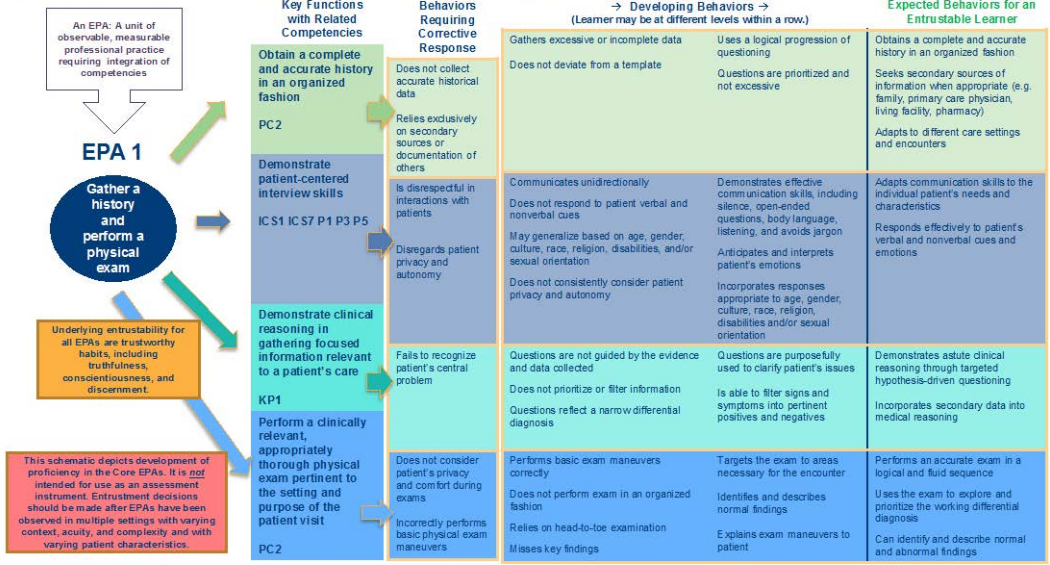
Reporter: owns facts accurately and independently, uses appropriate terminology, interacts professionally; consistent and reliable in carrying out responsibilities.

**Interpreter**: takes ownership of explaining patient findings; demonstrated ability to identify and prioritize problems; offers reasonable explanations for new problems; generates and defends differential diagnosis with data.

**Manager**: exhibits confidence and ability to make patient management decisions; proficiently tailors individualized patient plans; demonstrates sound interpersonal and procedural skills; shows increasing confidence, skill, organization, and maturity.

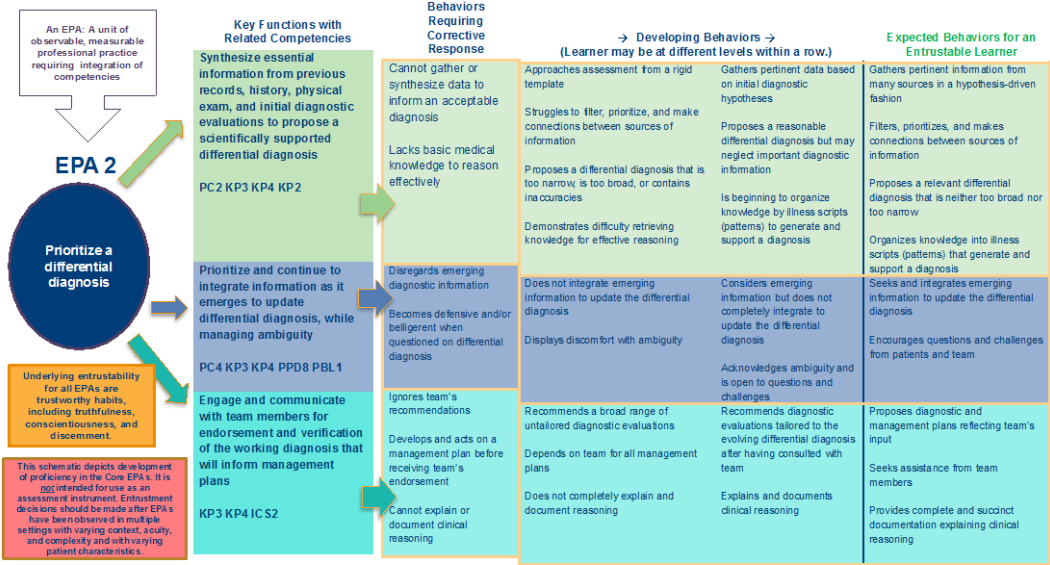
**Educator**: functions beyond basics; reads deeply, sharing new learning with others; derives relevant clinical questions; finds best evidence to answer questions and applies the information to patients; confidence to lead and educate other healthcare team members.

**EPA 1: Gather a History and Perform a Physical Examination**



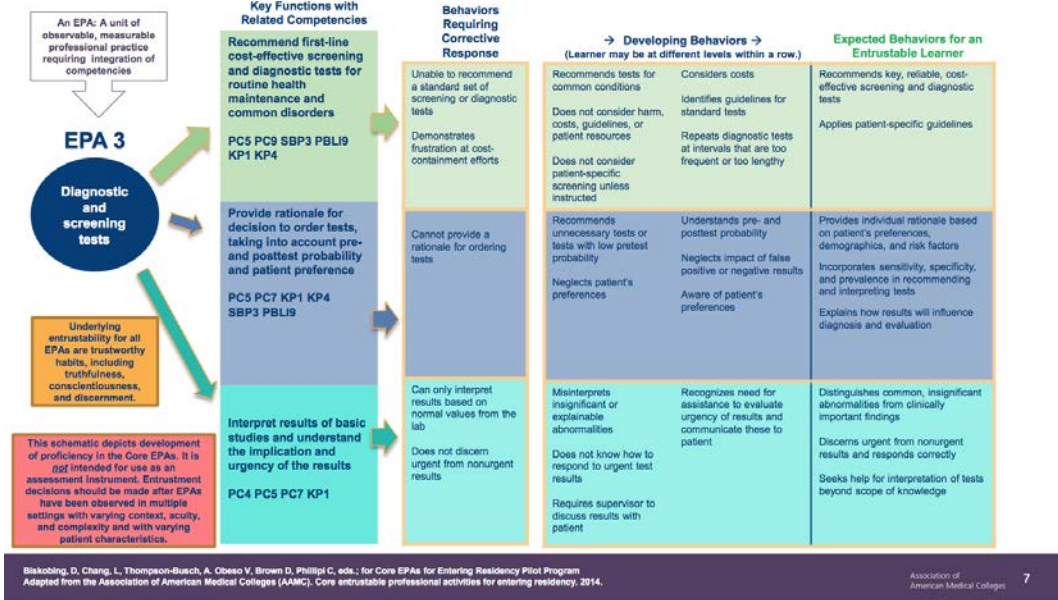
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**EPA 2: Prioritize a Differential Diagnosis Following a Clinical Encounter**

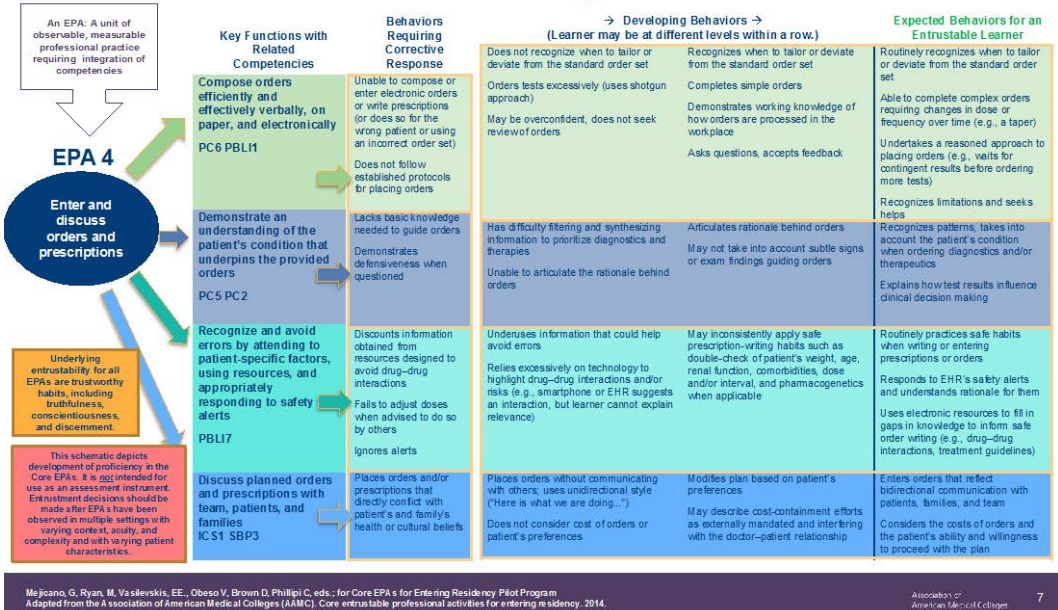


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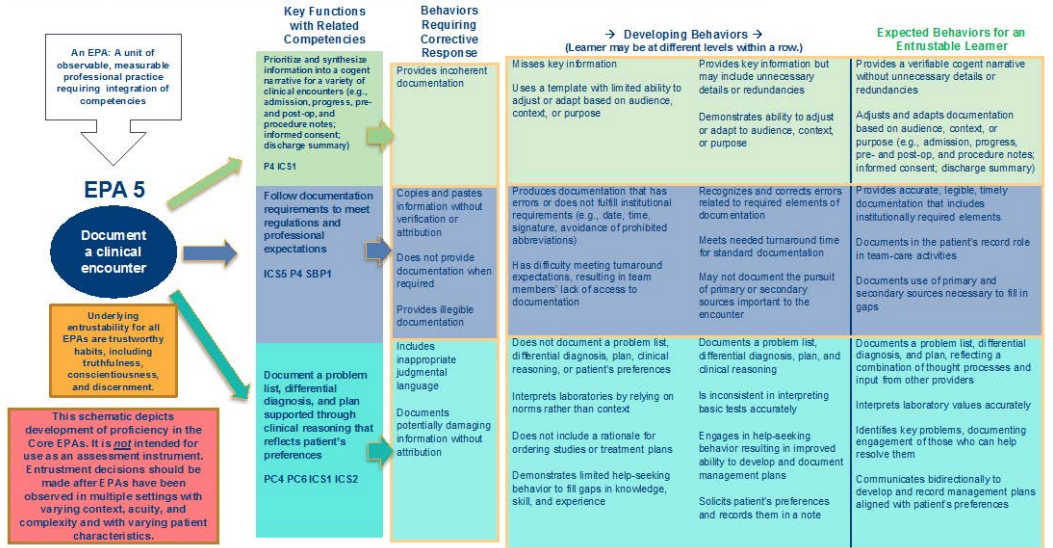
**EPA 3: Recommend and Interpret Common Diagnostic and Screening Tests**



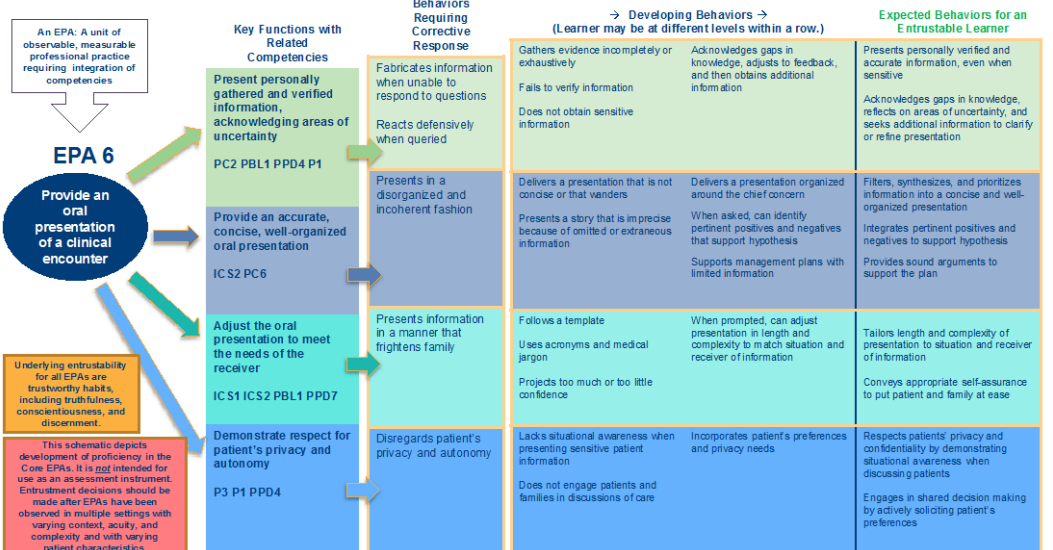
**EPA 4: Enter and Discuss Orders and Prescriptions**



### EPA 5: Document a Clinical Encounter in the Patient Record

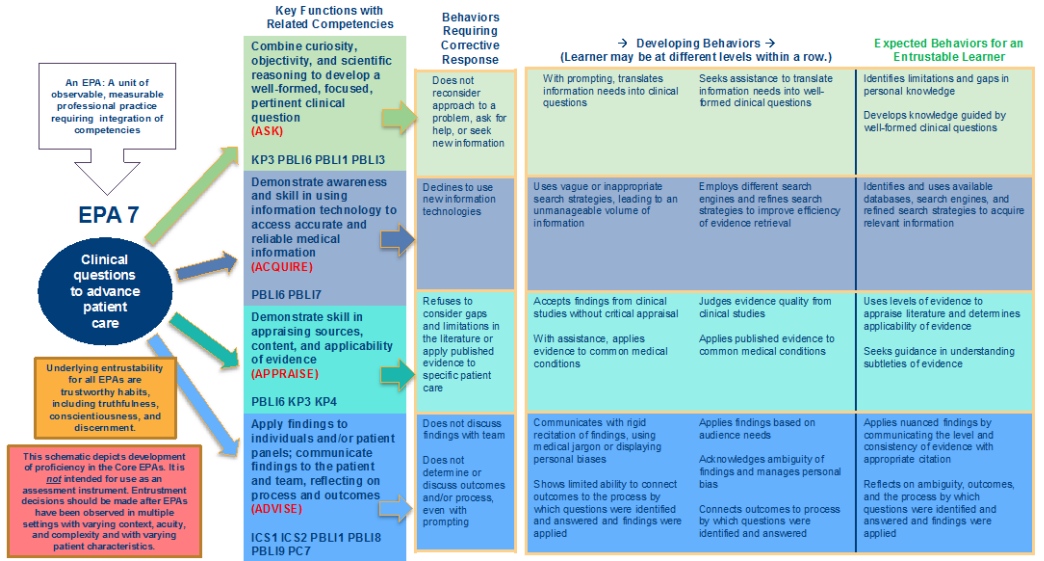


### EPA 6: Provide an Oral Presentation of a Clinical Encounter





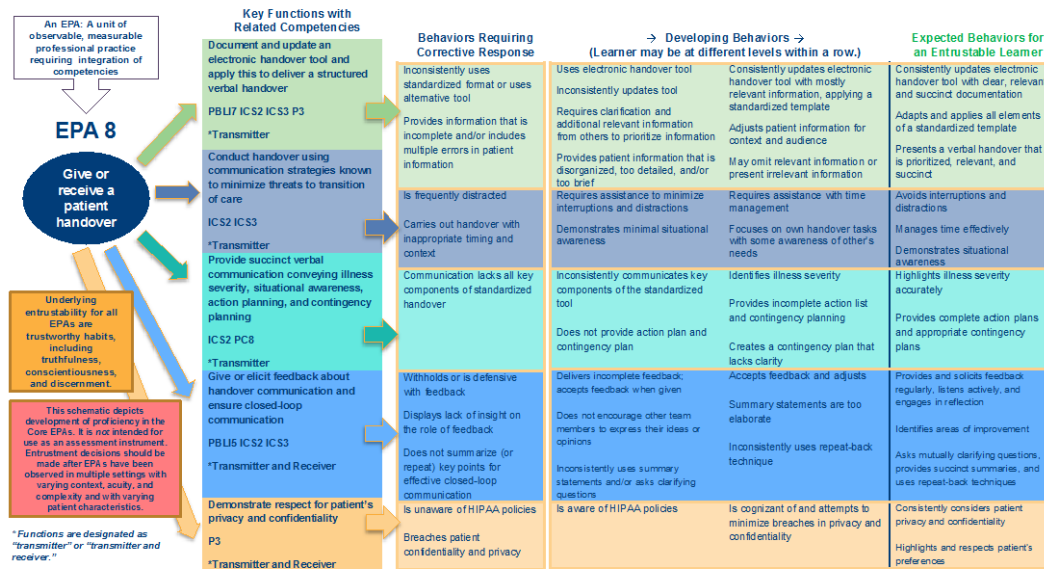
## EPA 7: Form Clinical Questions and Retrieve Evidence to Advance Patient Care



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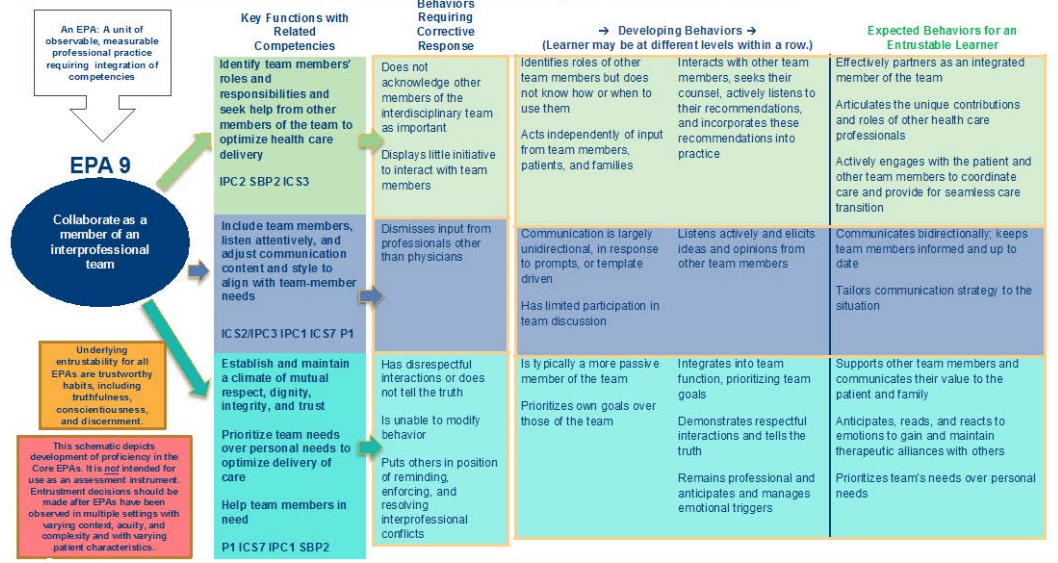
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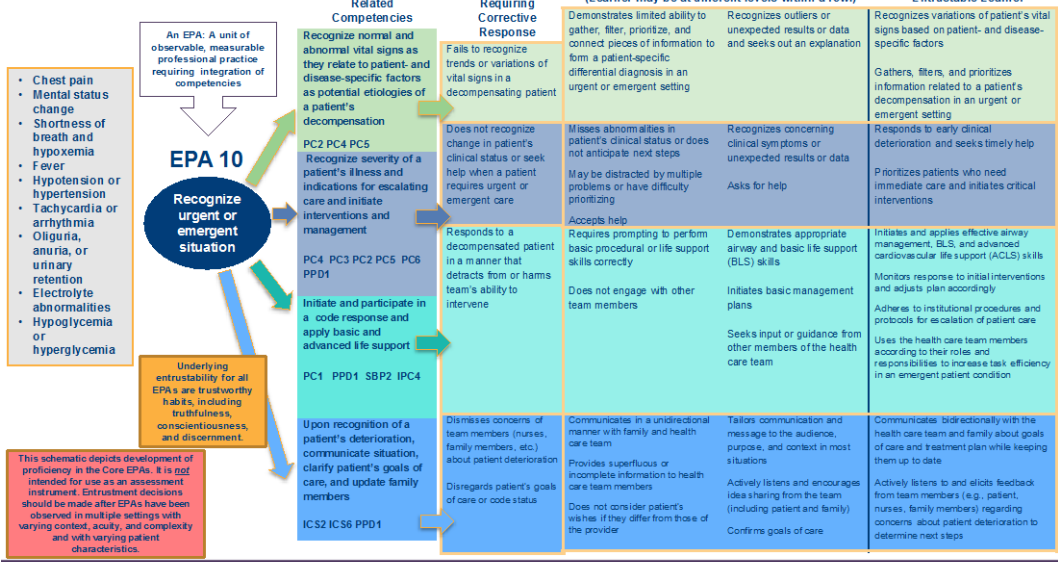
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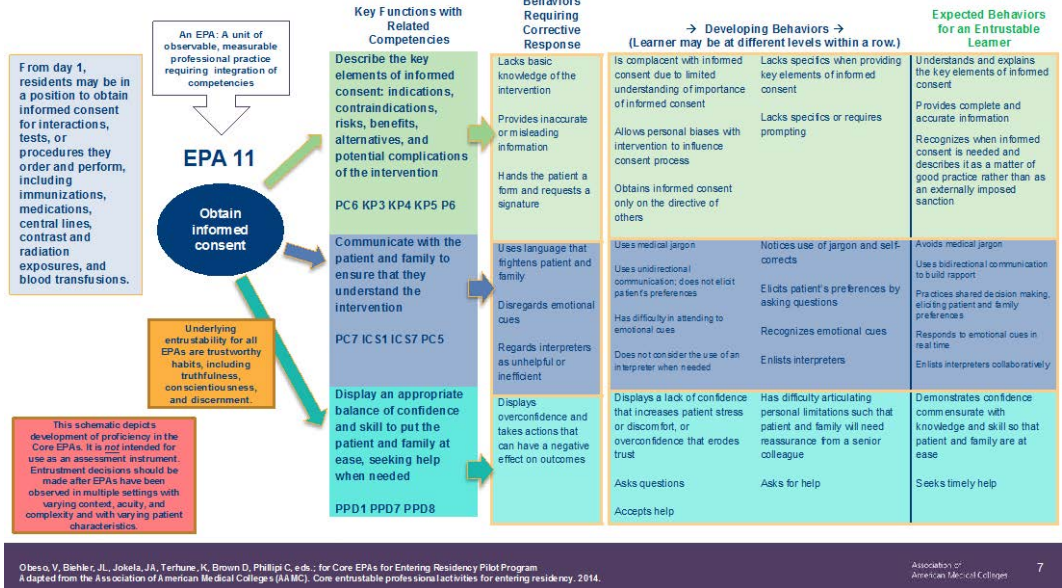
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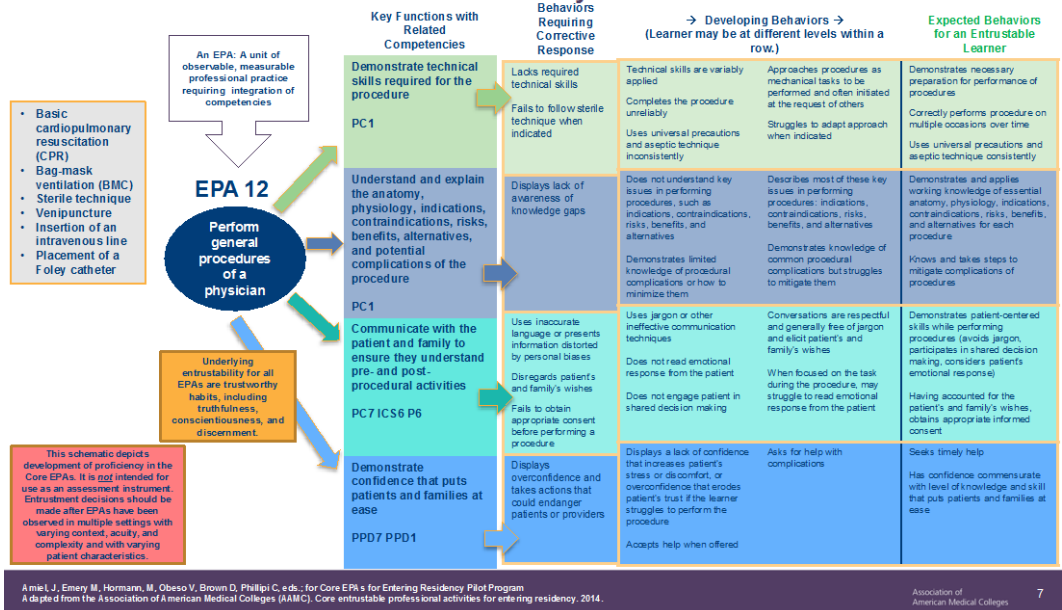
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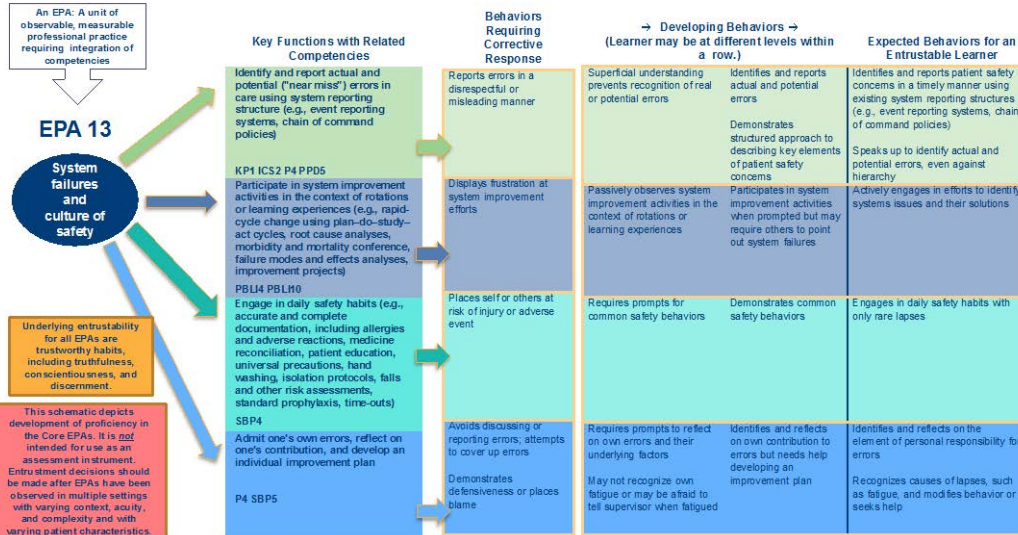


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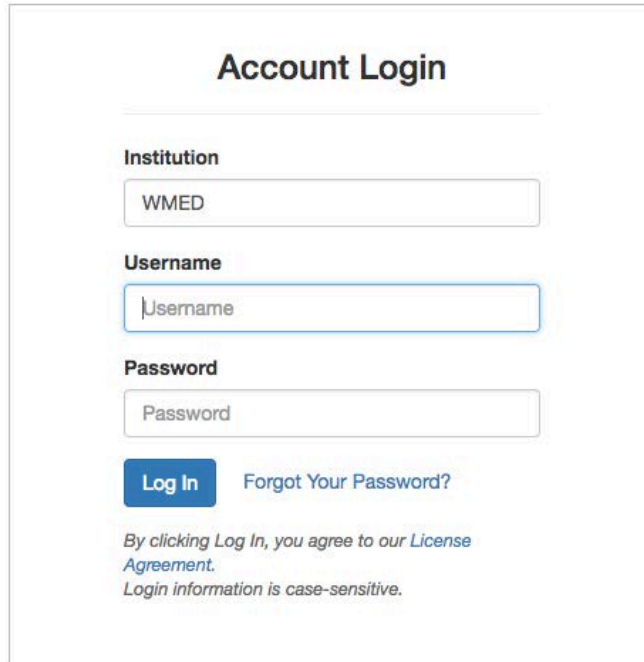
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## Assessment Completion – New Innovations

1. Go to this web address: <https://www.new-innov.com/Login/Login.aspx>
2. Make sure Institution says WMED and enter your Username and Password. If you are unable to sign in, please contact the clerkship coordinator at WMED.



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4. Make sure to click on the Medical School Evaluations tab at the top of the page.

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5. Select the assessment to complete, complete it and click on submit at the bottom right of the assessment.

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## Clinical Teaching Etiquette: Asking Questions

Asking questions can be a valuable learning tool in the clinical setting when done with forethought. However, asking questions in a manner to harass students or reinforce the attending's place at top quickly becomes "pimping" or "grilling" and can result in students filing harassment complaints.

Following the guidelines below helps promote the advancement of learning and helps avoid experiences that void beneficial learning experiences. Remember asking questions is a method of motivating the learner so avoiding humiliating the learner is critical.

- *Ask questions that promote critical thinking in a respectful manner and tone of voice.* Pose questions that inquire how learned knowledge is being applied to clinical scenarios. Use Socratic principles to formulate a question that requires learner collaboration, interpretive questioning, and, reflection. Posing questions to a medical team can generate discussion and help identify misconceptions, which leads to exploration about a case.
- *Respect educational order.* Ask for responses to questions starting with the lowest educational-ranked student. To avoid embarrassing situations, adhere to the protocol of always starting with the most junior student then sequentially ask in order to the chief resident.
- *Do not embarrass the other attending physicians.* Absolutely never call on another attending physician unless you are positive they know the correct answer. When another attending is present and they know more about a topic than you do, solicit the attending to make comments. Avoid setting yourself up to state inaccurate information and have the other attending correct you.
- *Look for the student avoiding to be called on and use opportunities to comfortably draw them into the conversation.* When a student shows signs of avoiding to be questioned, reduce the stress by asking them a simple question. You can also introduce humor into the encounter by asking a question with no known answer or stating you don't expect medical students to know the answer.
- *Publicly apologize if you say something wrong.* Oops! If you do embarrass a student or say something inappropriate, use the first opportunity to publicly apologize.
- *Find opportunities to compliment students, either publicly or privately.* Sincere compliments on a good procedure or presentation helps motivate learners.
- *Remember questions are asked to help the student to learn.* The purpose of Socratic questioning is to activate critical thinking. To promote learning, questions should be asked in safe, respectful and supportive learning environments. Questions are not effective if asked to humiliate or harass a student.

\*Detsky, A.S. (2009). *The Art of Pimping*. JAMA, 301:13, p.1379-1381



## **Faculty Appointment and Benefits**

### **Appointment to WMed Faculty**

Clinical faculty are an integral part of the medical school. The appellation “doctor” – from the Latin *docere*, meaning “to teach” – includes the responsibility of all physicians to share knowledge and information with colleagues, trainees, and patients. Physicians have the opportunity to give back to their profession by teaching the science, art, and ethics of medicine to medical students, residents, and fellows. The medical school provides the opportunity for clinical faculty to participate in training the next generation of physicians for tomorrow’s patients, and ultimately, improving the health of the communities we serve.

WMU Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine faculty have a primary appointment in a department of the medical school whether or not they are directly employed by WMed. Clinical faculty are physicians and other healthcare providers who participate in teaching, clinical research, and administration of medical school programs.

There are three principles on which the faculty appointment is based: teaching activities, sustained efforts to improve personal teaching abilities, and service to the medical school. Clinical faculty participate directly in teaching or service to the medical school for a minimum of 50 hours in each year of the appointment period to continue to qualify for faculty appointment.

### **Benefits**

- Recognition: Framed certificate for office posting
- Inclusion in faculty meetings, activities, CME events
- Opportunity to participate in WMed research
- Opportunities to serve on WMed committees
- Purchase computer equipment at discount
- Faculty development/education
- CME for teaching
- Full access to eLibrary

## Frequently Asked Questions – New Medical Student Documentation Guidance

On February 2, 2018, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released new guidance relaxing Evaluation and Management (E/M) documentation requirements for documentation created by medical students participating in a billable service. This policy change was identified by the CMS Documentation Requirement Simplification workgroup and is part of a broader goal to reduce administrative burden on practitioners.

1. **Question:** What is the definition of a medical student?

**Answer:** A medical student is an individual who participates in an accredited program that is not an approved Graduate Medical Education (GME) program. A medical student is never considered to be an intern or a resident.

2. **Question:** What exactly has changed?

**Answer:** A teaching physician may now verify in the medical record any student documentation of components of E/M services, rather than re-documenting the work. Prior to this change, the teaching physician could only refer to the medical student's documentation related to review of systems and/or past/family /social history, which are not separately billable, but are taken as part of an E/M service. The teaching physician was required to re-document history of present illness, physical examination and medical decision-making activities of the service.

3. **Question:** How can a teaching physician “verify” student documentation?

**Answer:** WMeds's Clinical Enterprise Integrity and Legal departments have approved the following attestation that may be added to the E/M documentation by the teaching physician verifying the student's documentation: *“A student assisted with documenting this service. I saw the patient and reviewed and verified all information documented by the student and made modifications to such information, when appropriate.”*

4. **Question:** Can I create a dot phrase for this attestation?

**Answer:** Yes, you may create a dot phrase.

5. **Question:** Can a resident “verify” the student documentation?

**Answer:** The resident may not verify the student documentation on behalf of the teaching physician, but the resident may edit the student's documentation and provide additional documentation related to the service. Ultimately, the verification is the responsibility of the teaching physician.

6. **Question:** Can I combine attestations/verification in one statement when the service involves both a medical student AND a resident?

**Answer:** Yes, you can combine attestations. WMED’s Clinical Enterprise Integrity and Legal departments have approved the following attestation that may be added to the E/M documentation by the teaching physician verifying both the resident’s and student’s documentation:

*“A student assisted with documenting this service. I saw the patient and reviewed and verified all information documented by the medical student and resident, and made modifications to such information, when appropriate.”*

7. **Question:** The guidance states that any contribution and participation of a student to the performance of a billable service must be performed in the physical presence of a teaching physician or physical presence of a resident. Is that a new requirement?

**Answer:** This is not new. CMS has always required physical presence with the student participating in patient care other than the review of systems and/or past/family/social history. If your student workflow does not currently abide by this physical presence requirement, you should contact the Clinical Enterprise Integrity department to evaluate the workflow for compliance.

8. **Question:** The guidance states that the teaching physician must personally perform (or re-perform) the physical exam and medical decision-making activities of the E/M service being billed. Is that a new requirement?

**Answer:** This is not new. CMS has always required that the teaching physician perform the physical examination and medical decision-making activities of the service. If your student workflow does not currently abide by this personal performance requirement, you should contact the Clinical Enterprise Integrity department to evaluate the workflow for compliance.

9. **Question:** What about procedures? Does this guidance apply to procedures with student participation?

**Answer:** This guidance is for E/M only, not procedures. WMED’s Clinical Enterprise Integrity department is currently drafting internal guidance on how to compliantly involve medical students in procedures and how to document procedures for billable services. Guidance will be forthcoming in the next couple of months. If you require advice on procedures and student involvement, you may contact the Clinical Enterprise Integrity department for a compliance assessment.

10. **Question:** Can we apply the new student guidelines and attestation to other students (i.e. NP student or PA student)?

**Answer:** Yes, this may be applicable to other types of students who are involved in E/M services using the approved attestation. Please contact the Clinical Enterprise Integrity department to evaluate the workflow for compliance.



## **E/M Service Documentation Provided By Students (Manual Update)**

MLN Matters Number: MM10412

Related Change Request (CR) Number: 10412

Related CR Release Date: February 2, 2018

Effective Date: January 1, 2018

Related CR Transmittal Number: R3971CP

Implementation Date: March 5, 2018

### **PROVIDER TYPES AFFECTED**

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This MLN Matters Article is intended for teaching physicians billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

### **PROVIDER ACTION NEEDED**

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Change Request (CR) 10412 revises the Medicare Claims Processing Manual to allow the teaching physician to verify in the medical record any student documentation of components of E/M services, rather than re-documenting the work. Make sure your billing staffs are aware of the changes.

### **BACKGROUND**

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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is revising the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 12, Section 100.1.1, to update policy on Evaluation and Management (E/M) documentation to allow the teaching physician to verify in the medical record any student documentation of components of E/M services, rather than re-documenting the work. Students may document services in the medical record. However, the teaching physician must verify in the medical record all student documentation or findings, including history, physical exam and/or medical decision making. The teaching physician must personally perform (or re-perform) the physical exam and medical decision making activities of the E/M service being billed, but may verify any student documentation of them in the medical record, rather than re-documenting this work.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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The official instruction, CR10412, issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2018Downloads/R3971CP.pdf>.

If you have any questions, please contact your MAC at their toll-free number. That number is

available at <https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/Medicare-FFS-Compliance-Programs/Review-Contractor-Directory-Interactive-Map/>.

## DOCUMENT HISTORY


Date of Change	Description
February 5, 2018	Initial article released

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- [ask.librarian@med.wmich.edu](mailto:ask.librarian@med.wmich.edu)

#### On the Phone:

- 269.337.6116 (Joe)
- 269.337.6117 (Anna)
- 269.337.6119 (Liz)

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## for Community Faculty



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269-341-8627

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## More About Off-Site Access

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Remember to always begin your literature search from the WMed Library's website: <http://med.wmich.edu/library>. If you begin at a journal's website from off campus, rather than going through the WMed Library website, the publisher cannot confirm your affiliation and will deny access. Use the link provided on the library's website as the publishers have provided us with customized link outs to expedite access to content.

Need further help with remote access? Contact the WMed Librarians at [ask.librarian@med.wmich.edu](mailto:ask.librarian@med.wmich.edu) or call 269-337-6119.



## Recommended Resources

### Clinical Teaching Etiquette

Detsky AS. The Art of Pimping. *JAMA*. 2009;301:1379-1381.

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### Domains of Competencies

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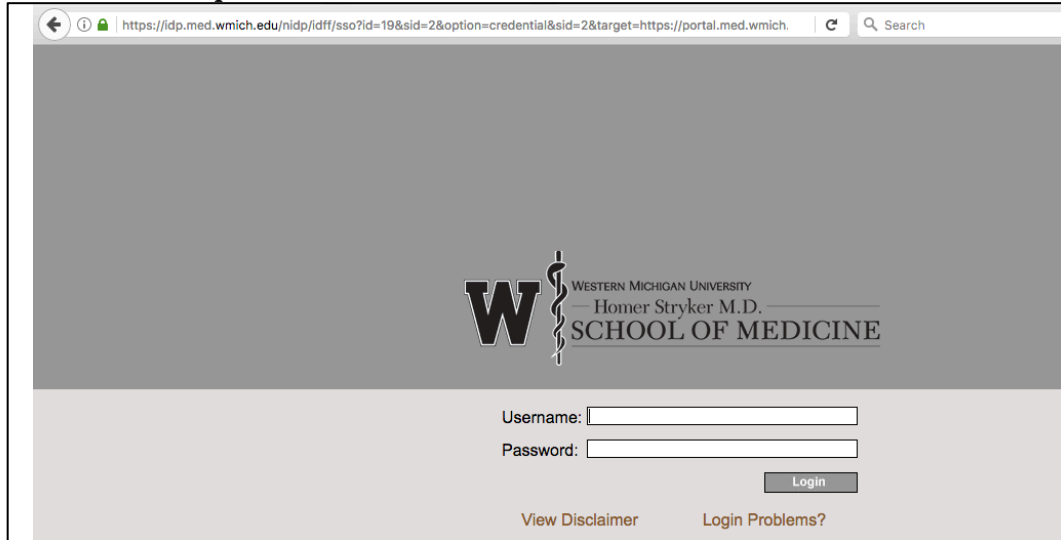
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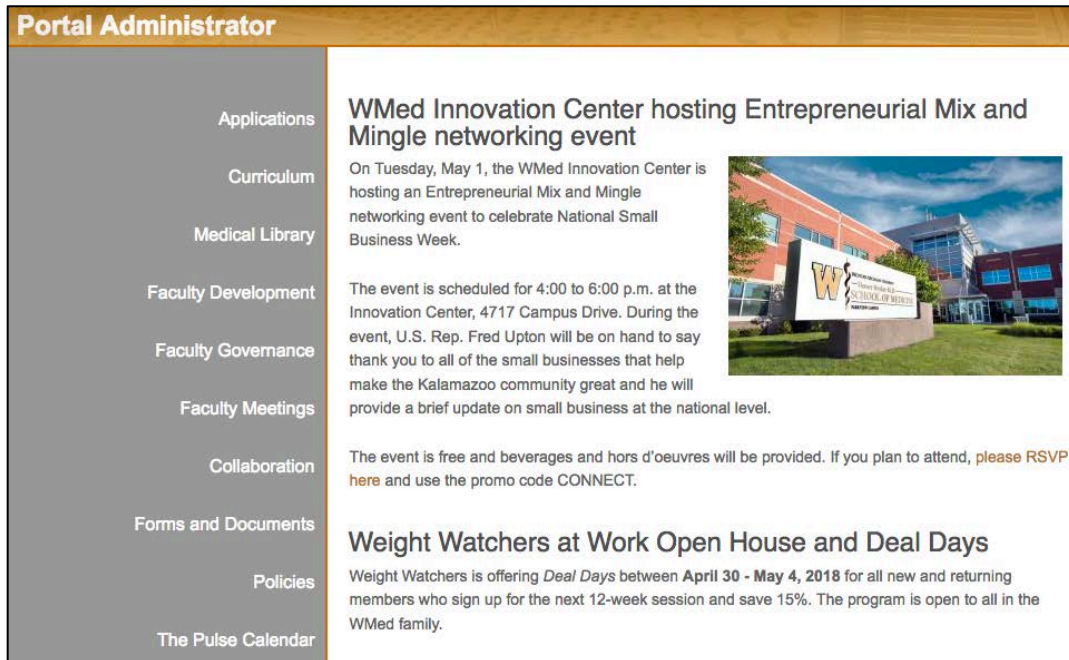
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On Tuesday, May 1, the WMed Innovation Center is hosting an Entrepreneurial Mix and Mingle networking event to celebrate National Small Business Week.

The event is scheduled for 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Innovation Center, 4717 Campus Drive. During the event, U.S. Rep. Fred Upton will be on hand to say thank you to all of the small businesses that help make the Kalamazoo community great and he will provide a brief update on small business at the national level.



The event is free and beverages and hors d'oeuvres will be provided. If you plan to attend, [please RSVP here](#) and use the promo code CONNECT.

### Weight Watchers at Work Open House and Deal Days

Weight Watchers is offering *Deal Days* between **April 30 - May 4, 2018** for all new and returning members who sign up for the next 12-week session and save 15%. The program is open to all in the WMed family.