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Policy Scope

This policy applies to all Radiation Therapy (RTT) students.

Policy Statement

Clinical Supervision of Students: All Radiation Therapy students must have adequate and proper supervision during all clinical assignments as specified by individual, institutional, program, and accreditation policies. The following policies and procedures apply to clinical assignments for students, technologists/ therapists, and evaluators. Supervision of Radiation Therapy Students: Direct supervision of radiation therapy students is provided by a qualified practitioner who reviews the procedure in relation to the student's achievement, evaluates the condition of the patient in relation to the student's knowledge, is present during the procedure, and reviews and approves the procedure.

Procedure

1. A certified radiation therapist is responsible for determining the degree of student participation in procedures using external beam equipment, simulator, and brachytherapy radioactive sources and provides direct supervision throughout the procedure.
2. A dosimetrist and/or physicist are responsible for determining the degree of student participation in dosimetry procedures and provide direct supervision throughout the procedure.
3. A staff radiation therapist, nurse, or radiation oncologist is responsible for determining the degree of student participation in consult, physical examination, patient care, and follow-up procedures and provides direct supervision throughout the procedure.

Procedure for Clinical Evaluations

1. Clinical evaluations include the three domains of learning: cognitive (knowledge), affective (professional behaviors), and psychomotor (technical skills).
2. The students will receive a minimum of three evaluations during the program, including at least 1 before the program's midpoint.
3. Students who perform at a non-acceptable level, as defined by the program, in any of the three domains, may be subject to academic performance action.