

External Placement Guidelines (Clinical Skills)

During the external placement the trainee may be placed within an organisation different to the one they are employed by. The placement may operate quite differently and as a result trainee will only be permitted to perform certain clinical skills if their Practice Assessor considers them competent to do so. THE TRAINEE HAS A DUTY TO IDENTIFY IF THEY HAVE NOT BEEN TRAINED OR ARE NOT CONFIDENT TO UNDERTAKE TASK.

The following list has been designed to guide trainees and supervisors, it is not exhaustive and if there is any uncertainty regarding a clinical skill the work-based learning facilitator should be contacted for advice:

Clinical Skill			Comments
	Year 1	Year 2	
Drug Administration			
Drug administration Blood transfusion and blood products (administration)	No	No	
Controlled medications (administration)	No	No	
Controlled medications (checking and calculating)	No	No	
Intravenous medications (administration)	No	No	
Intravenous fluids (Change giving sets and administer)	No	No	
Intravenous lines (prime)	No	No	
Intravenous fluids (checking and calculating)	No	No	
Medications (administration)	Yes	Yes	Unless against individual areas policy – please check 3 rd checker only
Medications (checking and calculating)	Yes	Yes	
Patient Controlled Analgesia (care of)	No	No	
Syringe drivers (checking and calculating)	No	No	
Vaccines (administration)	No	No	

Monitoring			
Blood glucose	Yes	Yes	
monitoring Cardiac monitoring (attaching patient)	Yes	Yes	
CVP recording	No	No	
Early Warning Score Charts (perform)	Yes	Yes	
ECG recording (perform)	No	Yes	
Height and Weight	Yes	Yes	
Neurological observations (perform)	No	Yes	
Oxygen saturations	Yes	Yes	
Peak flow measurements (perform)	Yes	Yes	
Pulse	Yes	Yes	
Respirations	Yes	Yes	
Risk Assessments	Yes	Yes	
Temperature recordings	Yes	Yes	
Urinalysis	Yes	Yes	
Other Nursing Procedures			
Aseptic technique	Yes	Yes	
Central lines (care of)	No	No	
Cannula (insertion of peripheral venous)	No	No	
Cannula (removal of peripheral venous)	Yes	Yes	
Chest drains (removal)	No	Yes (no in EKHUFT)	
Compression bandages	No	No	
Dressings and Bandages	Yes	Yes	
Deceased (care of)	Yes	Yes	
Naso-gastric tube (insertion)	No	No	
PEG feeding tubes (care of)	No	Yes	

Sutures and clips (removal)	Yes	Yes	Unless against individual areas policy – please check
Tracheostomy care	No	Yes	
Urinary catheter (care and removal of male / female)	Yes	Yes	
Urinary catheters (insertion of male / female / suprapubic)	No	No	
Venepuncture	No	Yes (not MTW)	
Wound drains (removal)	No	Yes	
Wounds (ASSESSMENT)	Yes	Yes	
Transfers and Escorts			
Accompanying patients to witness procedures (with escort) after obtaining patient consent	Yes	Yes	
Escorting to and from procedures (SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES)	Yes	Yes	
To and from theatres (SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES)	Yes	Yes	
Key			
No – under no circumstances			
Yes – If PA considers the student to be competent and they ARE APPROPRIATELY SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES			
The above is subject to adherence to the organisations policies			