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Shadowing Supervisors: Information & Expectations

USask College of Medicine — Pre-Clerkship Shadowing (Years 1–2)

Note for students: Please share this handout with your supervising health care provider before your shadowing experience.

Shadowing depends on the generosity of supervising clinicians who volunteer their time and expertise. We greatly appreciate your willingness to support the early learning of our students!

This shadowing experience is a curricular requirement for MD students and falls within SHA agreements with College of Medicine for clinical placements. Participating MD students meet all the requirements of the Clinical Placement Agreement including appropriate criminal record check, immunizations and have completed the SHA confidentiality agreement. If you have any questions, please contact the Learner Placement Unit at studentplacements@saskhealthauthority.ca.

These mandatory, self-directed, *observation-only* experiences support learners in developing insights into the clinical workplace and the collaborative nature of patient care. Students are encouraged to observe a wide range of clinicians to explore potential career paths and to reflect on how their experiences relate to the [Program Learning Objectives](#).

Students are learning clinical and pre-clinical sciences, patient interviewing, and basic physical examination skills. They *may* have had exposure to pathology, pharmacology or some systemic study of disease. They *may* have learned discipline-specific clinical sciences or technical skills. Please ask students about their level of training before beginning any encounter.

Supervising Provider Expectations (Policy 5.3)

- Pre-clerkship shadowing experiences are arranged directly between the student and the volunteer supervising health care provider of the student's choosing.
- Supervisors are not remunerated for pre-clerkship shadowing.
- Students' involvement in clinical situations must always align with their current level of training.
- Patients must be asked for permission before involving a student in their care. Patients maintain the full right to decline student involvement.
- Pre-clerkship students **must not** document in official medical records. This includes histories, physical findings, or any part of the patient chart.
- Any patient-related activity by pre-clerkship students must be conducted **under direct observation** by the supervising health care provider.
- Students must not provide patient management, make diagnostic or treatment decisions, or document patient care in the medical record.