Artificial Intelligence in Clerkship
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GUIDING PRINCIPLES

When using AI tools during clerkship, you must:

- **Use only AI tools approved by the clinical site at which you are working** (e.g., Saskatchewan Health Authority or physician clinics) when working with personal health information (PHI). Tools approved by USask may differ from those approved by your clinical site.

- **Obtain explicit preceptor/supervisor permission** before using generative AI for tasks such as clinical documentation (e.g., AI scribes) or for developing differential diagnoses and management plans.

- **Obtain and document informed patient consent** before using any AI tool that interacts with, records, or processes patient information.

- **Maintain human oversight** – AI should support, not replace, your judgment or that of your supervising physician.

- **Prioritize your learning and skills development** – use AI to enhance, not replace, your own reasoning, communication, and decision-making.

CATEGORIES OF AI USE

Category	Examples	Conditions
Permitted	- Searching guidelines or literature with AI-enabled platforms (e.g., Dyna AI, OpenEvidence) - Using AI to explain concepts or generate practice questions	- No PHI entered - Cross-check outputs with trusted sources - Do not rely solely on AI for clinical decisions
Approval Required	- Using AI scribes for clinical documentation - Using AI-based risk calculators or decision-support tools	- Tool must be approved by the clinical site (e.g., Saskatchewan Health Authority or physician clinic) - Obtain and document patient consent if potentially identifiable patient information is used - Data pathway must be HIPA-compliant
Prohibited	- Entering PHI into non-approved AI tools (e.g., ChatGPT) - Using AI to make clinical decisions without clinician oversight - Adding AI-generated text to the EMR without clinical site approval - Using AI to complete assessments or logs without doing the work yourself	

KEY REMINDERS

- When in doubt, ask your supervisor before using AI.
- Protect patient privacy – Never enter PHI into an unapproved tool, and always follow HIPA and site privacy policies.
- You are responsible for the accuracy, appropriateness, and integrity of any AI-assisted work.

Please refer to the *Guideline on the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Clerkship* for further details.

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