

Supervision

A student's need for supervision will vary within and between placements.

Each student must have adequate supervision to ensure safe and effective assessment and treatment of patients, and to ensure a directed learning situation.

It is the responsibility of both the student and the CI to communicate openly about issues of supervision.

A suggested approach to supervision when a student has not had previous experience in a similar case is that:

- the student should first observe an assessment and/or treatment performed by the CI
- the student should then perform that or a similar assessment/ treatment under the direct observation of the CI
- the CI should offer guidance, as indicated, or intervene if safety is a concern
- the CI should provide appropriate feedback after the assessment / treatment is completed
- the CI should pass responsibility for patient care to the student as the student is deemed capable of assuming it
- the CI should provide intermittent observation and feedback in order to ensure safe and effective client care, student growth and accurate student evaluation
- the CI should have regular discussions with the student to monitor progress of both the student and the student's clients

If the student has had previous experience in a similar case or can generalize from previous experience:

- the CI should observe the student's assessment and treatment skills in order to determine the amount of supervision required