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: Faculty policy regarding the supervision of medical students, residents, and fellows in clinical settings.

The purpose of this policy is to provide a framework for the supervision of postgraduate medical trainees in clinical settings. The policy recognizes the role of clinical supervisors, trainees, and the need for specific interpretation of the policy, which may require specific interpretation. It is expected that each program will consider the location, and organization of their clinical training.

This policy is aligned with [CMQ's Guide – Role and Responsibilities of the Learner and the Supervisor](#).

1. **Clinical Supervisor**: a faculty member in Medicine and Health Sciences who has direct responsibility for the supervision of clinical trainees in a particular practice setting.
 - a) Most commonly, the Clinical Supervisor is the attending physician.
 - b) Consultant physician for a particular practice or service.
 - c) On-call physician for a particular practice or service.
 - d) Clinical Trainee who has been delegated the role of the Clinical Supervisor.
2. **Clinical Trainee**: a trainee enrolled in a clinical course of training at McGill University.
 - a) All medical students will have been registered with the Collège des médecins du Québec (CMQ).



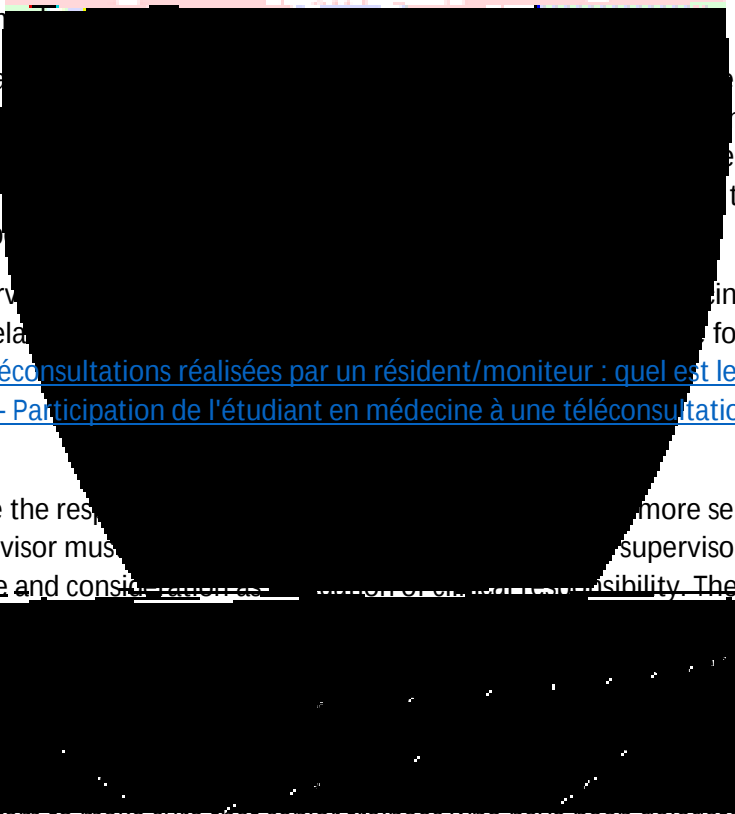
responsibility for patient care. Overall responsibility cannot be delegated to a trainee.

3. The educational environment must be safe for patient care and effective learning.

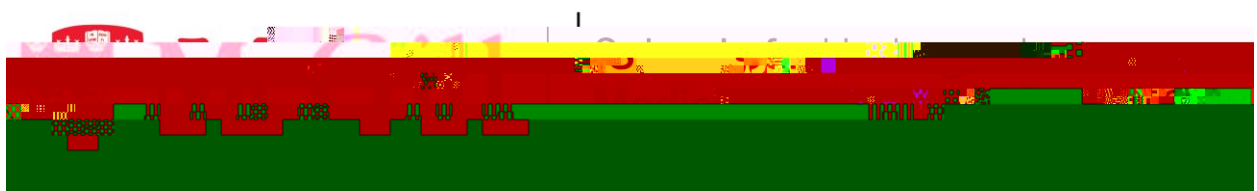
The Clinical Supervisor must always provide appropriate supervision for their trainees, specifically:

1. Establish and maintain a supportive learning environment with open, respectful communication ([The Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences Code of Conduct](#)).
2. Ensure that their trainees' clinical workload conforms to the relevant workload expectations and objectives of the program.
3. Directly oversee the trainee's clinical work.



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6. Advise patients, or their designate, that their trainees may be involved in their care and obtain consent for such participation.
 - a) It is a shared responsibility between the MRCS and the institution to advise patients of the institutional academic mission.
 - b) It is a shared responsibility of the MRCS and the trainee to clearly delineate their roles and obtain patient consent for trainee participation in their care. The MRCS will be directly involved in the consent process when appropriate.
 - c) When the Clinical Supervisor determines it is appropriate to delegate a part of their responsibility for performing a diagnostic or therapeutic procedure, then the patient or their designate must be informed as per current ethical and legal guidelines for informed consent.
 7. Be readily available to patients in a timely and appropriate manner to the extent that the trainee is not immediately available, the Clinical Supervisor is available and the patient is informed of the change in supervision.
 8. Provide supervision in accordance with the regulations relating to the training program. More specific regulations relating to teleconsultations are found on the [CMQ Fiche 20 - Téléconsultations réalisées par un résident/moniteur : quel est le cadre à respecter?](#) and [Fiche 21 - Participation de l'étudiant en médecine à une téléconsultation : quel est le cadre à respecter?](#).
 9. May delegate the responsibility for supervising a more senior trainee. The Clinical Supervisor must retain ultimate supervisory responsibility with the same care and consideration as the trainee's clinical responsibility. The delegation of the supervisory responsibility to a more senior trainee must also be aware of the responsibility of the Clinical Supervisor. It is imperative that the Clinical Supervisor remains the responsible party for the training program to make sure that senior trainees who have been delegated supervisory responsibilities have the appropriate teaching skills necessary for clinical supervision.

With respect to clinical supervision, trainees must be aware of their status as a trainee, and consider their experience and level of clinical competence when providing patient care, specifically:



1. Advise patients or their designate of their status as a trainee who is working under the supervision of a named physician, the Clinical Supervisor.
2. Review the case with the Clinical Supervisor. Notify the Clinical Supervisor of their findings, diagnosis, and management plan with r

