



# GUIDANCE OF LEVEL OF STUDENT NURSE PARTICIPATION IN CLINICAL PROCEDURES

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**1.** The Faculty of Health and Life Sciences does not have any restrictions on student's participation in any technical/practical procedures as long as they are carried out under the supervision of a qualified nurse or delegated to other professionally qualified health practitioner.

**2.** It has always been the Faculty's policy that students should participate fully in the clinical activities and all aspects of patient care within their placement area. The limits on their level of participation rest with the professional judgement of the named Practice Supervisors, Assessors, Educators/Clinical Educators and Trust policy regarding the scope of practice for nurses. It is essentially the responsibility of the practice supervisor, as the experienced registered nurse to decide whether the student should be:

- *Involved/participate in a procedure, based on his/her assessment of the student's level of clinical development, patient safety and complexity of clinical decision making required by the procedure.*
- *Supervised for a particular procedure by another healthcare practitioner because that practitioner has the necessary qualifications, experience and expertise in carrying out the said procedure.*

**3.** Students are advised to be aware of their own limitations in terms of knowledge and skills with regard to the patient's and their own safety. However, the students cannot refuse to participate in a procedure provided they receive appropriate training and supervision by a Registered Nurse with the necessary experience and expertise. The only exception would be in cases where there may be a religious and/or moral /ethical justification. In such cases, the practice supervisor/ assessor should contact the Practice Placement Facilitator.