



Fields of Opportunities

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**Guide for What Medical Students Can Do**  
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Requirements for Medical Students

- Enrolled in a board-approved (LCME or AOA) medical school
- More than two years of medical school training (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> year students)
- Medical license not required
- Supervised by licensed physician (direct or indirect)
  - Direct supervision means the supervising physician is in the room with the medical student.
  - Indirect supervision means the supervision physician is in close proximity to the student. Supervisor does not have to be in the room with the student.
- Medical school credit
- Inform patient/patient consent

Potential Services under the Direct Supervision of a Licensed Physician

- Observe patient treatment
- Assist in procedures
- Basic history and physicals
- Read charts
- Interview patients
- Prepare charts that are subject to review by the supervising physician

Potential Services under the Indirect Supervision of a Licensed Physician

- Basic history and physicals
- Read charts
- Interview patients
- Prepare charts that are subject to review by the supervising physician
- Communicate with other providers (e.g. consulting teams with questions or information)