

Supervision Level Decision Grid

Chapter 23: Levels of Supervision by Competency Stage and Program Level

- ☐ New or high-risk skill (first attempt, high-alert medication, invasive procedure) → Direct supervision, no exceptions
 - ☐ Familiar skill, student demonstrated competence previously, low risk → Indirect supervision, available on the unit
 - ☐ Routine task, repeatedly validated, senior student → Independent, with a defined report-back point
 - ☐ When in doubt about which level applies, default up one level of supervision, not down
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