

## **Medical Student Induction**

### **Rotherham Hospital Undergraduate Department**

#### **Patient Safety – Clinical Skills**

Ensuring patient safety is a key aspect in the delivery of health services. As a student at Sheffield Medical School you will be learning about this within the patient safety curriculum which is delivered throughout your training.

One component of patient safety involves the safe practice of Clinical Skills. Tomorrows Doctors (2009) lists 32 practical procedures which you will need to demonstrate proficiency in within clinical practice. As part of this you are taught invasive Clinical Skills through simulation prior to undertaking a skill on a patient. You should practice the invasive skills from this list in simulation and be signed off as demonstrating competence in simulation prior to carrying out the procedure on a patient.

When you come to the point that you are carrying out the procedure on a patient you need to ensure that you are supervised for the task and that supervision for the task is appropriate to your level of competence. Do not attempt a task which goes beyond your level of competence. Where possible have another student with you to also observe.

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