

POLICY and PROCEDURE

Title:	Paediatric Clients at SCU Health Clinic	No. 14
Area:	Clinic	
Date Reviewed:	July 2013	

Purpose:

- To ensure the safety and protection of paediatric clients who enter the facility for consultation. Paediatric clients are defined as people 16 years and under.

Policy:

- Students are to have completed their National Police Certificate and NSW Health Students Undertaking or other appropriate checks to enable them to consult with paediatric clients.
- A parent or guardian must be in attendance at all times during any consultation.
- Clients have the right to refuse consultations involving students.
- Student-consultant to supervisor ratio with paediatric cases will not be greater than 2:1. This means a clinic supervisor will not supervise more than two consultations involving paediatric cases at any one time or, two consultations at one time if one is a paediatric case. If other students are consulting with adult clients, the supervisor in question must reduce their supervisory load to comply with the 2:1 supervision ratio.
- The clinical supervisor must have the appropriate qualifications in their discipline to enable them to consult on paediatric health concerns.
- Clinical supervisors must advise the Course Coordinator if they have the appropriate qualifications to supervise paediatric cases.
- The Course Coordinator will advise the Clinic Manager of the respective supervisor's suitability to manage paediatric cases prior to any client bookings being made in the clinic.

Special inclusions in the Policy re Osteopathy:

- No paediatric clients are to be scheduled in the Osteopathic Student Clinic before 1 June 2013 when students have been assessed on the paediatric theoretical and practical components of their course.
- After 1 June 2013 paediatric clients can be booked for consultations with osteopathic 5th year students, providing the clinical supervisor has agreed to supervise paediatric consultations and appropriate arrangements for the Supervision of other students has been made.
- All the clinical supervisors employed at SCU are registered osteopaths, which entitles them to practise osteopathy, including the management of paediatric clients. There is no credentialing at a statutory level in Australia. These practitioners can choose not to accept paediatric clients into their clinic, depending on their interest and currency of skills.
- Paediatric clients may be scheduled in the **Osteopathic Student Clinic** to see 5th year students after the student has been assessed as competent in the theoretical and practical paediatric components of their curriculum.

Special inclusions in the Policy re Speech Therapy:

Speech Pathology Educators have a duty of care to both students and clients. Speech Pathology practice is to be guided by principles and policies outlined in documents such as *Improving Quality in Practice Placements - Allied Health iQIPP-AH*. Speech Pathology practice is also bound by various policies developed by the Professional Body Speech Pathology Australia.

Practice is also guided by information in documents such as the *Scope of Practice*; *Competency-based Occupational Standards for Speech Pathologists*; and *Principles of Practice*

http://www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au/library/Core_Assoc_Doc/CBOS_for_Speech_Pathologists_2011.pdf

Clinical Placement Unit Guidelines for Speech Pathology Policies outlined by the National Health and Medical Council, such as the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care are also accessed for the purpose of Infection and Prevention control guidelines.

Special inclusions in the Policy re Nursing:

- Students are not permitted to administer vaccinations to paediatric clients 3 years and under.

Policy Occupational Therapy:

- Student supervisor ratio, initial evaluations 2:1 with a ratio of 4:1, maximum, follow-up visits only.

Policy Podiatry:

Policy Exercise Physiology:

Procedure:

- Paediatric clients can be scheduled in the Clinic providing the supervisor has agreed to such supervision.
- All supervisors and students will have a current Working with Children check for both New South Wales and Queensland.

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Related Legislation:

Infection Control AS4187
OHS Act 2000
National Safety & Quality and Health Service Standards

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Privacy & Personal Information Act 1998
Health Records & Information Privacy Act 2002
The Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998
The Queensland Child Protection Act 1999
AHPRA - Code of ethics of each discipline:
<http://www.ahpra.gov.au/>
AHPRA – Standards for Registration for each discipline:
<http://www.ahpra.gov.au/>
SCU SHHS:

Reference / Consulting Body:

Clinic Management Committee
Clinical Governance Board
Practice-Based Education Specialist
Teaching and Learning Committee
Director of Teaching and Learning

Related Policies:

SCU SHHS Clinic: Reporting incidents
SCU SHHS Clinic: Paediatrics Supervision Policy
SCU Assessment Policy
SCU Community Engagement Policy

Related literature:

Siggins Miller Consultants 2012, *Promoting Quality in Clinical Placements: Literature review and national stakeholder consultation*, Health Workforce Australia, Adelaide.
Good Practice Report: Work integrated learning. J. Orrell, ALTC. 2011