

Student Clinical Membership & Supervision

(For Students from Recognised Colleges)

The Society supports the need for student supervision and gives the following guidelines:

1 Guidelines

- a) Students on Society recognised courses undertaking the clinical training component of the course can obtain Student Clinical Membership (SCM) of The Society of Homeopaths, a grade of membership which offers the student independent insurance cover while in these practical stages of training.
- b) Should a student prescribe for a patient in a way that contravenes their course's clinical guidelines or the terms of the agreement between themselves and their supervisor, they do so at their own risk.
- c) The Society's Code of Ethics and Practice should be followed by all categories of insured membership of The Society of Homeopaths.

2 Supervision

We suggest that in the interests of the patient and in keeping with the terms of the insurance policy, it is important that the roles and responsibilities of the student and the supervisor to each other and to the patient are clearly stated in writing. Such a supervision agreement needs to be consistent with the clinical guidelines and requirements of the course provider.

It is also important for the supervisor and supervisee to keep a written record of any mutually agreed action, or modifications to the basic agreement, during the course of this supervisory relationship.

3) Insurance

- a) It is important that colleges take responsibility for ensuring they are adequately insured.
- b) In a 'worst possible' scenario, a patient could decide to make a claim against any party involved ie the student, the supervisor, and the college. In such a case, the student would have to prove that they were not the responsible party, and pass the claim on to the supervisor or the college as appropriate.
- c) The combination which offers maximum protection for college, supervisor and student is as follows:
 - The college obtains blanket insurance cover for their legal liability.
 - Supervisors are insured and know that they are responsible for the management of each case they supervise.
 - Students on Society recognised courses undertaking clinical training in the UK can obtain insurance in their own name. The Society of Homeopaths is able to offer this type of cover as a service to members as Student Clinical Membership.

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