

TIPS FOR WORKING WITH NP STUDENTS IN CLINICALS

1. Part of the student's education is learning good charting. If possible, allow the student to do the charting for the visit. Assist them as needed as your time allows.
2. Have the student see about **one patient per hour** from your schedule. Typically, they should see about three patients per clinic. Hopefully you can pick about one patient per hour from your schedule prior to the start of your clinic. Don't try and have them see all, or even a majority, of your patients. Increase to about 2 patients per hour if they are at the end of their program.
3. **Review the patients chart** and last clinic visit with the student prior to entering the exam room. Briefly discuss with the student what may be pertinent for the current visit.
4. Privately **ask the patient's permission** to be seen by the medical student. Explain that you will be supervising the student and that the visit will probably take longer than usual.
5. Go get the student and **introduce** them to the patient.
6. **Leave the student alone** with the patient to interview and examine the patient. (You may need to rescue the student from the exam room if they haven't reappeared within half an hour.)
7. Have the student **present** to you.
8. Go back to the exam room with the student and briefly **verify** their pertinent historical and exam findings.
9. Have the **student enter orders**: labs, imaging, prescriptions, immunization, referrals, etc.
10. If the student needs to call a consultant, stay with them while they make the call as you might need to help them or bail them out if they get stuck.
11. **Review the student's documentation** and make corrections. The final line of the clinic note needs to read, "**Patient seen and examined with _____, FNP-S.**"
12. You personally code out after reviewing and correcting any documentation done by student. **Do not have the student code out.**