

Examples of attestations a teaching physician can use when working with a medical student

Teaching physicians do not need to re-document the performance of their own activities, but must document that the verification, presence, and performance requirements were met and an attestation can be used. Examples of appropriate attestations are detailed below. Note: The attestations reflect minimally acceptable documentation; additional information may be added.

Basic Attestation

"I was present with the medical student for the service. I personally verified the history of present illness and performed the physical examination and medical decision making. I have verified all of the medical student's documentation for this encounter." Signed & Dated: Dr. Teaching Physician

Basic Attestation with Additional Comment

"I was present with the medical student for the service. I personally verified the history of present illness and performed the physical examination and medical decision making. I have verified all of the medical student's documentation for this encounter. X-ray results – lungs clear." Signed & Dated: Dr. Teaching Physician

Attestations When Only the Resident was Present, but the Teaching Physician Completed All Other Requirements.

Resident: *"I was present with the medical student for the service." Signed & Dated: Dr. Resident*

Teaching Physician: *"I personally performed the physical examination and medical decision making. I have verified all of the medical student's documentation for this encounter." Signed & Dated: Dr. Teaching Physician*

*please note: these are UW Medicine approved, however, we encourage you to clear these rules with your own institution.