**A3.1** GPs and Practice Staff (e.g. Practice nurses) are not Health Service employees and are therefore not covered by NHS Indemnity.

**A3.2** All GPs should hold current membership of a medical protection organisation.

**A3.3** GPs should notify their medical protection organisation of their involvement in student placements and, in the event of a claim, GPs should seek advice and assistance from their medical protection organisation.

**A3.4** Personal indemnity arrangements of Practice Staff are varied. If an incident occurs, it is up to the patient to name individuals involved. GP tutors are advised to clarify the indemnity arrangements of their Practice Staff. It may be the case that the GP may be vicariously liable for students working under the direct supervision of Practice Staff.

**A3.5** The medical students are required to become members of at least one medical protection organisation. Current membership details, including level of cover and protection afforded, are available from the medical protection organisation(s).

**A3.6** A student, whose action is outside the supervision of the GP, and which subsequently results in a claim,will need to contact his/her medical protection organisation(s) immediately to seek advice and assistance.

**A3.7** Practical Advice for GPs:

A3.7.1 Supervise students closely at all times but particularly when performing practical or intimate procedures. This may include provision of chaperones where appropriate.

A3.7.2 Specify the content of sessions with Practice Staff. Be aware of the nature of tasks involved.

A3.7.3 When students see patients in their own homes, another responsible person should be in attendance. A responsible person in this case includes another student, a GP or Practice Staff.

A3.7.4 Clarify the insurance arrangements of the Practice and Practice employees. GPs should discuss the nature of all student teaching (including any out of hours sessions, if relevant, and travel arrangements for home visits) with, and be guided by, their insurer.

A3.7.5 Contact the relevant Module Coordinator in the Centre for Medical Education if you have any queries.

**A3.8** Practices are responsible for the insurance of any equipment funded by DoH via SUMDE for undergraduate teaching