

Wave scheduling

When supervising a student mini surgery, it often feels pressured. So, why not book yourself a few catch up slots or consider getting the students to see patients in the adjacent room, with adequate supervision.

Below is an example of wave scheduling, which can be used for those with enough space in the surgery. The timings can be altered, depending on the time interval required by the student to see the patient.

Appointment time	Student surgery list	GP surgery list
9.00 – 9.10	Patient 1 seen by student	Patient 2 seen by GP
9.10 – 9.20	Patient 1 seen by student	Patient 3 seen by GP
9.20 – 9.30	Patient 1 seen by student & GP	
9.30 – 9.40	Patient 4 seen by student	Patient 5 seen by GP
9.40 – 9.50	Patient 4 seen by student	Patient 6 seen by GP
9.50 – 10.00	Patient 4 seen by student & GP	

As you can see, by using wave scheduling, 6 patients may be seen from 9.00 – 10.00 ie the equivalent of one patient every 10 minutes.