

Non-Affiliated Clinical Observers

SECTION XVII: STUDENTS/VISITORS/CLINICAL OBSERVERS (UNAFFILIATED) NOT in AFFILIATED PROGRAMS, SEEKING OBSERVATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES within CONE HEALTH

Note: Students in AFFILIATED programs (covered by a written agreement with ~~the~~ Cone Health, should contact Staff Education for educational opportunities:-

STUDENTS/VISITORS/CLINICAL OBSERVERS

1. DEFINITION of PERMITTED UNAFFILIATED STUDENTS / VISITORS / CLINICAL OBSERVERS

- A. Medically-oriented individuals not in an affiliated program covered by written agreement with Cone Health, who desire to **observe only** for a period not to exceed twenty (20) hours (observation requests greater than twenty (20) hours may be determined on a case-by-case basis by the Chief of Service) may include:
1. Medical Students – First through fourth-year medical students currently enrolled in an Accredited school of medicine or osteopathy
 2. Residents from ACGME or AOA accredited residency programs
 3. Fellows from ACGME or AOA accredited fellowship programs
 4. Foreign Medical Students and Graduates
 5. Advanced Practice Provider Program (NP, PA, CNM, CRNA, etc.)
 6. Physicians seeking an observational experience as a part of the onboarding process.
 7. Others, who will be reviewed and considered on a case-by-case basis.
- B. Non-medically oriented individuals
1. High School or College Students seeking a clinical observation experience who:
 - are at least sixteen (16) years of age
 - are at least high school sophomores or at a comparable level if they are in a home school program
 2. Others, who will be reviewed and considered on a case-by-case basis.

2. RESPONSIBILITIES of PERMITTED UNAFFILIATED STUDENTS / VISITORS / CLINICAL OBSERVERS

Students/visitors shall comply with all Cone Health Policies and Procedures, to include, but not limited to the following:

- A. Medically-oriented and non-medically oriented individuals:
1. Provide a written request to include the following information:
 - the objectives of the clinical observation experience;
 - the name(s) of the sponsoring Member of the Medical and Dental Staff or Cone Health employee; and
 - the dates of the observation period.
 2. Sign a "HIPAA Confidentiality Statement.
 3. Attestation of Current Immunizations" form (must be able to provide proof of current immunizations if requested to do so).
 4. Secure parental consent if under 18 years of age.
 5. Secure approval from a Member of the Medical and Dental Staff, or Cone Health employee who will assume direct responsibility for the student/visitor/clinical observer.
 6. Comply with seasonal flu vaccine, TB screening, safety and compliance\ training and other policies and procedures of Cone Health.
 7. Provide a copy of a photo ID, such as a drivers' license.

3. LIMITATIONS of PERMITTED UNAFFILIATED STUDENTS / VISITORS / CLINICAL OBSERVERS

Permitted unaffiliated students/visitors/ clinical observers will be limited to indirect participation, i.e. observation and communication (from outside the sterile field, if approved to observe a procedure.)

4. RESPONSIBILITIES of SPONSORING/PRECEPTING MEMBER of the MEDICAL and DENTAL STAFF and/or CONE HEALTH EMPLOYEE

The Sponsoring Member of the Medical and Dental Staff &/or Cone Health employee shall:

- Assume direct responsibility for the conduct and safety of the student/ visitor/clinical observer.
- Remain present with student/visitor/clinical observer at all times while in Cone Health.

Clinical Observers in the Operating Room and Procedural Areas

SECTION XVIII: STUDENTS/VISITORS/CLINICAL OBSERVERS in the OPERATING ROOM and OTHER PROCEDURAL AREAS

1. DEFINITION of PROCEDURAL AREAS

Areas to include but not limited to the following: operating rooms, cardiac catheterization labs, endoscopy rooms, radiology rooms, labor and delivery rooms, and other areas where a clinician is performing a medical or surgical procedure.

2. DEFINITION of PERMITTED STUDENTS/VISITORS/CLINICAL OBSERVERS

- A. Medically-oriented individuals who are affiliated (in an affiliated program covered by a written agreement with the Health System) to include, but not limited to the following:
1. Medical Students – First through fourth year medical students currently enrolled in an accredited school of medicine or osteopathy
 2. Physician Assistant students
 3. Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)
 4. Nursing students
 5. Surgical Technology students
 6. Students currently enrolled in Radiologic Technology Program
 7. Pharmacy students
- B. Medically-oriented individuals who are (not in an affiliated program covered by a written agreement with the Health System) to include:
1. Medical Students – First through fourth year medical students currently enrolled in an accredited school of medicine or osteopathy.
 2. Residents from ACGME or AOA accredited residency programs.
 3. Fellows from ACGME or AOA accredited fellowship programs.
 4. Foreign Medical Students and Graduates.
 5. Advanced Practice Provider Program (NP, PA, CNM, CRNA, etc.) Students.
 6. Physicians who are visitors, e.g. physicians either in private practice, from an academic center, or physicians in training.
 7. Proctors serving at the request of a Member of the Medical and Dental Staff, if the purpose is to offer technical and/or clinical information and expertise for a procedure that has been approved by the appropriate Chief of Service, or the appropriate peer review committee. Refer to Rules and Regulations Section 19.
 8. Medical or surgical equipment representatives if the purpose is to offer technical information and expertise. Refer to Cone Health Policy: Vendor Representatives.
 9. Clinically-oriented Cone Health employees not assigned to the procedural area in which they would like to observe.

10. Others who will be reviewed and considered on a case-by-case basis.

C. Other / Unaffiliated Non-medically oriented individuals

1. High School or College Students seeking a clinical observation experience who:

- are at least sixteen (16) years of age
- are at least high school sophomores or at a comparable level if they are in a home school program

2. Others who will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and deemed appropriate by the procedural area's Clinical/Department Director (or designee), or the appropriate Chief of Service.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES of PERMITTED STUDENTS / VISITORS / CLINICAL OBSERVERS

A. All permitted students/visitors/clinical observers shall:

1. Maintain patient confidentiality.
2. Limit their movements to only the designated room and patient or instrument work area. At no time will they enter any other areas.
3. Students/visitors/clinical observers who are unaffiliated (not in an affiliated program covered by a written agreement with the Cone Health) (with the exception of the Cone Health Radiologic Technology Program students) must receive written permission from the patient before entering the procedural area and comply with all requirements set forth in Rules and Regulations Section 17: Students/Visitors/Clinical Observers.
4. Comply with all Cone Health Policies and Procedures, including dress code, appropriate identification, infection control, etc.

4. LIMITATIONS of PERMITTED STUDENTS / VISITORS/ CLINICAL OBSERVERS

A. Only physicians, CRNA students, PA students, nursing students, and surgical technology students in an affiliated program (covered by written agreement with the Cone Health) may directly participate in procedures at the discretion of the Practitioner performing the procedure. All other students/visitors/clinical observers will be limited to indirect participation, i.e. observation and communication from outside the sterile field.

B. Students/visitors/clinical observers who are unaffiliated (not in an affiliated program covered by written agreement with Cone Health) will be admitted to procedural areas only by direct request/approval of the Practitioner performing the procedure or his associate, and the Director(s) of the procedural area (or designee).

5. DOCUMENTATION

- A. Students/visitors/clinical observers' names will be recorded in the perioperative or procedural record.