

HMC Medical Staff Observation Program Update

As of **Monday, June 28, 2021**, Harborview Medical Center will begin inviting additional groups to resume observation experiences. Please read the following for additional information.

Groups eligible to apply for observation as of Monday, June 28, 2021

***3-days per calendar year unless otherwise stated**

- Undergraduate/post-bacc/pre-medical observers
- External (Non-UWSoM) Medical Students
- UW Medicine Employees
- UWSoM Medical Students**
- Visiting Physicians/Scholars/Researchers: 30 days or less

***Exceptions to the length of an observation period must be reviewed by the Medical Director on a case-by-case basis.**

****UWSoM Medical Students are permitted up to 3-days of observation per experience. Please follow the abridged process as outlined below.**

Groups currently ineligible to observe

- International Observers
- High School Students
- ***Resident/Fellow Interviewees or Prospective Residents/Fellows

*****Based on information provided by the Commission on Physician Accountability (CoPA), the Office of Graduate Medical Education is not scheduling resident or fellow trainee interviews or observation experiences at this time. [Please contact the Graduate Medical Education Office with questions.](#)**

COVID-19 Vaccination Required

- All observers must provide proof of the COVID-19 vaccination series with the 2nd dose occurring at least two-weeks prior to the first date of observation.

Daily COVID-19 Health Attestation

- All observers must complete the online COVID-19 Health Attestation each day they are on campus. Departments are responsible for ensuring this is completed. The link and QR code will be included on the emailed observation approval.
- If the observer has any symptoms to include but not limited to: fever, chills, vomiting, diarrhea, headache, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle/body aches, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose the observer should not come to HMC. The observation must be rescheduled once they are cleared by their provider.
- For questions regarding immunizations please contact [HMC's Employee Health Services](#).

Application Reminders and Updates

- Please review the attached updated Medical Staff Observation Application as updates regarding COVID-19 and Infection Prevention and Control compliance have been included. Additionally, page 4 "Multiple Accountability Form" has been included for use when there are multiple physicians or APPs hosting an observer.
- Please submit complete observation applications to the Office of the Medical Director via email to meddirec@uw.edu **at least 3-weeks prior to** the desired start date.
- The application and immunization history must be complete at the time the application is submitted.
- Please respond to all inquiries from the Medical Director's Office as quickly as possible to avoid a delay in processing. **The Office of the Medical Director cannot accommodate late or incomplete submissions.**

Departmental Considerations

- The Medical Staff Observation Program is a courtesy program. It is up to individual providers if they choose to host an observer.
- Please consider limiting the number of departmental observers at any given time.
- 1-approved observer is allowed in an OR at a time. *Exceptions must be reviewed by the Medical Director and OR Leadership.*

Observation Application Process for pre-medical/graduate/medical professionals

- Once an attending or APP has agreed to host an observer, please put them in touch with your Departmental Program Coordinator, or the person designated to facilitate observation experiences for your department. The coordinator will work directly with the Office of the Medical Director.
- If there is not a designated coordinator within your department, please refer the observation applicant to meddirec@uw.edu.

Observation Process for UWSOM Medical Students

- UWSOM Medical Students coordinate with an attending-level physician for a shadowing experience of up to 3-days per observation experience.
- The process is abridged for UW-Medical Students. Students or Departmental Coordinators should plan to email the HMC Office of the Medical Director and cc the supervising physician/student/coordinator with the following information and acknowledgement.

Name:

Year in School:

Physician Supervisor:

Dates of Shadowing:

****All observation rules/regulations are enforced. This is an observational opportunity only.***

- An emailed approval will be sent to the medical student, supervising physician and coordinator along with instructions on how to obtain a temporary badge. We do ask that the medical student obtain a temporary "Observation" badge from the Parking and Commuter Services Office. This helps patients, staff, and providers in the clinical space to quickly identify who the person is and their specific role.
- UW-Medical Students must complete the daily COVID-19 attestation before each observation shift.

We will continue to make adjustments to the program as necessary. Thank you all for your partnership.

Please contact meddirec@uw.edu with questions.