



UC Davis Health System
Observers
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I. PURPOSE

This section outlines the policy for permitting observers, for educational purposes to view the performance of clinical services at the University of California, Davis, Health System (UCDHS).

II. SETTING

Health System

III. DEFINITION

ObserversBPracticing community physicians, foreign physicians, non-physician clinicians (e.g., nurses), medical resident/fellow.

IV. POLICY

- A. Observers must have a significant academic, clinical or other legitimate reason to be an observer at UCDHS, as determined by the department chairperson or nursing administrator.
- B. Observers may observe patient care in the clinical setting with the permission of the relevant department chairperson or, in the case of nursing observers, the relevant nursing administrator. At all times the observer will be under the direct supervision of a medical staff member or, as appropriate, of a nursing staff member.
- C. Observers may scrub and gown in order to stand close to the patient during an operative procedure, but may not participate in the treatment of the patient in any way. Observers may not provide any Ahands-on@ consulting or services of any other kind at UCDHS. Observing physicians who wish to participate in the treatment of the patient must be granted emergency temporary privileges through Medical Staff Administration.

V. PROCEDURE

- A. Observers may generally observe for periods of less than one month with the permission of the appropriate department chairperson or administrator. For periods of longer than one month, Medical Staff Executive Committee approval must be obtained, and health clearance must be accomplished through Employee Health Services. Observers approved for more than one month must be reported to Medical Staff Administration and Patient Care Services Administration.

- B. Nursing observers will be the responsibility of the ranking nurse administrator in a particular area. Medical observers will be the responsibility of the appropriate department chairperson. Other observers will be the responsibility of the individual responsible for that area.

- C. The responsible authority (nursing or department chairperson) shall provide Medical Illustration with the observer's name, status, sponsoring department and specific dates authorized. Medical Illustration will provide observers with a vertically oriented, buff colored photo ID badge with an appropriate expiration date, per Hospital P&P 2911, Badges and Background Checks for Appointees Other than Paid Employees or Volunteers.

- D. Observers shall sign a UCDHS Confidentiality Agreement before observing any patient care.

Sent to the following for review:

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