



Expectations for Observers

- As guests of Boston Children's Hospital, observers are not to have any physical contact with patients. While an observer may be present during case discussions, s/he may not directly participate in case advisement and under no circumstances, should discuss any patient seen or encountered (this includes verbal, written and electronic communication)
- Observers are not practicing physicians at Children's, and therefore malpractice insurance is not required.
- Observers must be clearly identified to all patients and staff, and permission
 must be obtained from each patient (or proxy) for observer to be present during
 any encounter/procedure. Should a patient request an observer to leave at any
 point during an encounter, the observer must leave at once.
- An observer may not behave or speak in any manner that would lead a patient to believe that s/he is a practicing physician on staff at Children's.
- Observers are responsible for their personal transportation, accommodations, meals, medical insurance, required immunizations and any other personal expenses incurred while at Children's.
- Observers are considered non-employees; no salary or other remuneration or compensatory reimbursements or benefits are available from Children's to the observer.
- Children's will not provide any letters of reference, recommendation or commendation on behalf of observers; upon successful completion of an observership, a certificate of attendance may be issued by the Boston Children's Hospital
- Participation in the Children's observership program does not have any bearing on any pending or future internship/fellowship/employment applications
- Observers must comply with all Children's standards, rules and regulations, as well as all applicable federal, state and local laws pertaining to government health care programs
- An observership may be terminated (with written notice) by Children's or the guest at any time





Observers May:

- Attend Children's conferences, lectures, seminars and committee meetings with prior approval from assigned Children's sponsor
- Observe both inpatient and outpatient clinical activities with prior approval from assigned Children's sponsor

Observers May Not:

- Administer treatment or render services to patients
- Be involved in obtaining patient consent for any procedure (clinical or research)
- Participate in patient care management, including writing orders or notes in patient records and/or giving verbal orders related to patient care
- Receive an (internal) childrens.harvard.edu email address
- Access any clinical or research IS applications under any other user's name or ID
- Publish any works that imply a formal affiliation with Children's
- Obligate Children's financially
- or imply that s/he is acting with the authority of Children's

I understand and agree to abide by the expectations outlined above

Observer signature	Printed name	