



Undergraduate Medical Education
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CLERKSHIP GLOBAL HEALTH ELECTIVE/SELECTIVE PROGRAM FACULTY OF MEDICINE

Code of Conduct and Ethics Agreement for International Training Placements

The opportunity to participate in a medical elective/selective in an international setting provides valuable experience in global health education. In addition to meeting the objectives established by the UGMS for pre-clerkship and clerkship electives/selectives, there are ethical and social considerations when undertaking a training experience in another country.

1. Obligation to perform within the standards and limits of practice for the level of expertise and training obtained (i.e. Pre-clerkship, clerkship roles): A prior relationship and contact with preceptors must be made to ensure that they understand the skill level and responsibility that is commensurate with your training as a student of a Canadian medical school. Under no circumstances will a trainee perform procedures or practice **unsupervised** outside the expected scope of his or her skill set and/or training objectives as established by his or her education program.

2. Obligation to respect privacy and confidentiality of all patients in your care or with whom you have contact: Photos or stories about specific patients, even as clinical cases, **must not** be shared by email, Facebook or any other social media network. Permission must be obtained from any patient or their guardian before photos are taken and these **must not** be shared without explaining the educational purpose for which the photo will be used. Where feasible, efforts must be made to shield the identity of the patient involved. Respect for the privacy of colleagues must also be maintained and permission to take photographs in the work place must be assured.

3. Obligation to maintain good academic and social conduct: No illegal activities will be undertaken. Respect for cultural values and social sensitivity will be displayed at all times. Pre-departure training and post-elective/selective debriefing will be attended. All obligations to provide information, documentation, evaluations, presentations and reflections will be met in a timely fashion.

I agree to abide by the above stipulations in my international training elective/selective and to discuss this code of conduct with my supervisor in the placement location.

Student's Signature

Date (year/month/day)