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## Shadowing by UNC Medical Students

### I. Purpose

UNC Medical Center acknowledges the value of providing opportunities for UNC School of Medicine Medical Doctorate students to shadow faculty outside the scope of the formal curriculum for the purposes of enrichment and career development. This policy shall provide the parameters within which such shadowing is permitted.

### II. Policy

UNC School of Medicine ("SOM") Medical Doctorate students may shadow faculty throughout the UNC Medical Center (with the exception of the operating room setting) in accordance with the terms of this policy and applicable SOM policies.

#### A. Eligibility for Shadowing

To be eligible for shadowing, a SOM Medical Doctorate student must meet the following requirements:

1. Be in good academic standing.
2. Be enrolled or on an academic leave (such as graduate study or research leave; students on a non-academic leave (personal, medical, administrative) are not eligible).
3. Be enrolled or on an academic leave (such as graduate study or research leave; students on a non-academic leave (personal, medical, administrative) are not eligible).

#### B. Faculty Requirements to Precept

Faculty who precept SOM Medical Doctorate student shadowers must meet the following

requirements:

1. Be a current faculty member (trainees at any level, including fellows/subspecialty residents are not eligible to serve as a shadowing preceptor).
2. Must have privileges at UNC Hospitals.
3. Must approve the shadowing experience in advance.
4. Must advise patients of the presence of the shadowing SOM Medical Doctorate student and that they have the right to decline their presence.

### III. Procedure

- A. **UNC SOM Medical Doctorate students who wish to shadow a faculty member must register their request for a shadowing experience here: [https://unc.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6rEdWGGC2apZr38](https://unc.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6rEdWGGC2apZr38)**
- B. By registering their request for a shadowing experience at the above-referenced link, UNC SOM Medical Doctorate students represent that the faculty member has already agreed to precept the student.
- C. Information submitted to the above-referenced link will be reviewed for approval by the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs.
- D. UNC SOM Medical Doctorate students will be notified when their request for a shadowing experience has been approved.
  1. Such notification and confirmation must be received before the UNC SOM Medical Doctorate student may begin shadowing.
  2. Shadowing is limited to observation only. UNC SOM Medical Doctorate students who are shadowing are not permitted to provide patient care or participate in patient encounters beyond just observation.

### Approval Signatures

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