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I. POLICY

Medical students at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine (JHUSOM) have many opportunities to participate in off-campus activities. These include service-learning components of required and elective courses, off-site rotations for required or elective clerkships, and volunteer opportunities.

JHUSOM requires that adequate on-site faculty supervision is provided in all clinical settings in order to ensure the highest standards of patient safety and well-being. Activities in which JHUSOM students do not have such oversight could put patients at risk for medical errors and put students and the University at liability risk.

Medical students are prohibited from participating in clinical work at sites where there is not a full or part-time JHUSOM faculty member on-site and available for precepting. “Clinical work” is defined as all forms of the practice of medicine, including health screening, medical history gathering, physical examination, and medical decision making.

Students may choose to volunteer in non-clinical ways, such as providing patient education or patient reception, or helping patients navigate the health care system. If a student is unsure of the faculty status of the precepting physician, they should inquire with the Office of Medical Student Affairs.

If the off-campus experience includes working with youth, students are required to adhere to the University’s Policy on the Safety of Children in University Programs.

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