

OBSERVER REQUESTS FOR STUDENTS & PHYSICIANS

Note: Due to the 2020 Coronavirus Pandemic, both the University's Clinical Observing Programs and Erlanger's Job Shadowing Program have been suspended until further notice.

We will post updates on our websites if changes are made but we do not anticipate these experiences being available during the remainder of 2020.

Physician Requests for Observing Experiences

The University of Tennessee College of Medicine Chattanooga Graduate Medical Education (GME) Program does not offer or provide the opportunity for any physician externships or observing experiences. Due to restraints imposed by the Claims Commission Act of 1985, the UT College of Medicine Chattanooga GME Program is unable to provide any sort of liability coverage (for the visiting individual or the institution) to cover this type of activity. In addition, Erlanger Health System cannot provide liability coverage. This means that individuals who are already physicians, including non-licensed physicians, are NOT permitted to participate in clinical sponsored observing experiences.

Only Residents* from **other ACGME or AOA accredited programs** may be approved to participate in a visiting clinical rotation in a UT Program by submitting a "Visiting Resident Application" for a Clinical Rotation at the University of Tennessee. (See GME Policy #180 – Visiting Resident Approval.) Detailed requirements are included in the application form included in GME Policy #180.)

Student Requests for Observing Experiences

At this time the Clinical Observing Program for Students requesting to briefly observe physicians within the hospital is on hold.

*The term "Resident" refers to both Resident and Fellow trainees.

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