

Policy Title:
Guidelines for Out-of-State Rotations for Candidates for the degree of Medical Doctor or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine

1.0 Purpose/Objectives.

To ensure that current University of New Mexico School of Medicine students participating in out-of-state rotations as well as students (candidates for Medical Doctor and Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine) visiting the UNM SOM for rotations, have a fair process.

2.0 Scope.

This policy applies to UNM SOM Undergraduate Medical Education. This additionally applies to all UNM SOM departments hosting rotations for visiting medical students from out-of-state.

3.0 Content.

This policy describes the UNM SOM's policy relating to out-of-state rotations for medical students.

4.0 Policy.

RESPONSIBILITIES	
Policy:	<p>COVID-19 has disrupted the clinical education of students at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine. This policy is to regulate both incoming and outgoing away rotations to maintain safety, promote equity, and ensure adequate experience for medical students. This policy is congruent with the AAMC's Coalition for Physician Accountability recommendations released on January 25, 2021.</p> <p>For the remainder of the 2020-21 academic year (ending July 31, 2021), away rotations are discouraged except under the following circumstances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learners who have a specialty interest and do not have access to a clinical experience with a residency program in that specialty in their school's system. • Learners for whom an away rotation is required for graduation or accreditation requirements. <p>Students seeking graduate medical education experience may begin out-of-state rotations no earlier than August 1, 2021.</p> <p>The UNM SOM will also accept students in a limited capacity for rotations that begin on August 1, 2021. Preference will be given to students from regional schools (e.g. NM, AZ, CO, TX, and UT) as well as schools that participate in the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) Program.</p> <p>Visiting or returning students entering the state from another state or country or from any other area specified by university or state guidelines may be required to self-quarantine for up to two weeks, as determined by university and state mandates as well as occupational health review.</p> <p>Given the rapidly changing nature of the current COVID crisis, away rotations may be canceled based on current conditions and depending on the location of the rotation. Cancellations will be based on prevailing</p>

	university guidelines, municipal regulations, and state and federal mandates.
Process	<p>Any UNM SOM student wishing to complete an away rotation must first have approval of the Associate Dean of Medical Students. A Phase III Credit Request Form, which includes a description of the rotation, specialty-specific residency requirements, and an advisor signature, must be submitted to OMSA for approval.</p> <p>Visiting students wishing to rotate at UNM SOM must submit an application to AAMC's Visiting Student Learning Opportunity (VSLO) website: https://students-residents.aamc.org/attending-medical-school/article/visiting-student-learning-opportunities/</p> <p>All VSLO applications will be accepted by the UNM SOM Office of Medical Student Affairs after April 15, 2021 and sent to UNM SOM programs hosting learners for review starting May 1, 2021. Visiting student rotations will be limited to one away rotation per student per specialty.</p> <p>Visiting students must provide a Visiting Student Exemption Form signed by their Student Affairs Dean (or designee) prior to consideration for an away rotation.</p> <p>The Office of Medical Student Affairs will review all incoming and outgoing student requests. All incoming and outgoing out-of-state rotations must be approved by the Associate Dean of Medical Students.</p>
Implementation	The Associate Dean of Medical Students and OMSA are responsible for implementation of this policy.
Oversight	Policy authority and oversight resides with OMSA. This policy will be reviewed annually or more often if deemed necessary.

5.0 Records.

The Office of Medical Student Affairs will maintain this policy electronically.

6.0 External Reference(s).

- "Specialty Response to COVID-19." Updated regularly by the AAMC. <https://students-residents.aamc.org/applying-residency/article/specialty-response-covid-19/>
- "Final Report and Recommendations for Medical Education Institutions of LCME-Accredited, U.S. Osteopathic, and Non-U.S. Medical School Applicants." Published May 11, 2020. https://www.aamc.org/system/files/2020-05/covid19_Final_Recommendations_05112020.pdf
- "Updated Recommendations on Away Rotations for Medical Education Institutions of LCME®-Accredited, U.S. Osteopathic, and Non-U.S. Medical School Applicants." Published January 25, 2021. <https://www.aamc.org/what-we-do/mission-areas/medical-education/away-rotations-interviews-2020-21-residency-cycle>

7.0 Internal Reference(s).

None.

8.0 Definitions.

AAMC: Association of American Medical Colleges

ACGME: Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education
 LCME: Liaison Committee on Medical Education
 OMSA: Office of Medical Student Affairs
 UME: Undergraduate Medical Education
 UNM SOM: University of New Mexico School of Medicine

9.0 Approval Authority.

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