


# Optional Clinical Observerships

For:

Meds 2014 & Meds2015


# Objective:

- ▶ To explore career opportunities in the community. Participation in Clinical Observerships will give you the opportunity to interact with a physician(s) in an area that you are interested in.
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# The student shall:

Maintain the standard of ethical behavior as laid down by the CMA Code of Ethics located at [www.cma.ca](http://www.cma.ca)

# What are Clinical Observerships?

- Observerships allow you to explore career opportunities in the community (hospitals, family practices, MLHU, etc.)
  - Observerships give you an opportunity to see what the nature of the day-to-day clinical practice is like and to interact with a practitioner. They also afford you a great opportunity to test out various clinical settings and specific areas that interest you.
  - They are completely optional (you may do as many or as few as you wish)
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# Observerships Regulations

- ❑ Observerships must be done within Canada. Students are not, under any circumstances, permitted to complete these placements outside of the country!
- ❑ Preceptors must be a licensed and registered medical practitioner.
- ❑ Observerships may only take place outside of class time during the academic year.
- ❑ An Observer is not permitted, under any circumstances, to provide any patient care without supervision. It will be the responsibility of the preceptor to supervise the student in regard to all patient interactions. Delegation of medical procedures to the student will be the responsibility of and *at the discretion of the preceptor.*

# How Do I Find Doctors with whom to arrange these Placements?

Your Class Council has a list of physicians who have participated in the past. This list contains names, addresses, phone and fax numbers and email addresses of physicians who have agreed to supervise students in clinical placements. In some cases you will contact administrative personnel to make these arrangements.

**OR**

You can arrange an Observership on your own, providing that your preceptors and locations meet the specifications sited on the previous pages.


# Process – 4 Steps:

1. The student will make all the arrangements for each placement with a faculty member, clinician, or other community physician, for a date and time that is convenient for both of you. This placement may only take place outside of class time during the academic year. Observerships are not permitted during the summer months as you are not insured once classes for the year are finished.
2. Once you have arranged an Observership you need to notify the Undergraduate Medical Office **immediately**. This is done by logging on to **Single Sign On**. <https://www.schulich.uwo.ca/singlesignon/> Under the “**Observerships**” Tab, click on “**New Observership**”. Fill out online form in it’s entirety including: Name of physician, department and location, day, date and time of placement (number of hours)

# Process Continued...

- 3. PLEASE NOTE:** *The UME office must NOW review your request **BEFORE** you can participate.* Please ensure that you allow adequate time (24–48 hrs prior) for our office to review your request. A reporting form will be sent to the physician in order for them to record their hours for teaching credit if they are Schulich faculty.
- 4. BEFORE attending your Observership please make sure that under the "Reviewed Tab" in your Observership screen it shows as "Yes."** If it is blank or reads no please contact Susan Di Trolio immediately at [Heather.Deisley@schulich.uwo.ca](mailto:Heather.Deisley@schulich.uwo.ca) or ext 85736 Observerships will only be reviewed on week days. *Please submit weekend Clinical Observerships by the Thursday prior.*

# Summer Observerships / Electives

- Summer Observerships / Electives are extra-curricular clinical placements arranged by Western Undergraduate students after the completion of first or second year.
  - Students will be required to register for Medicine 5010 Non-Credit Summer Elective.
  - Heather Deisley will provide additional information by email in January 2011 about registration and requirements.
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