Waiver for Visitors Observing in Clinical Areas

In order to ensure the clinic(s) you will be entering are prepared for your arrival, this waiver details requirements that you must provide and procedures you must follow in order to protect the University and the students/staff/faculty/patients it serves.

All observers in clinical spaces must provide proof of their immunization status before gaining access to the clinical areas of the dental school. This requirement is imperative to ensure the current medical surveillance program is not compromised as well as protecting the safety of the visitor and PDM patients, student body, staff and faculty. Proof of a negative tuberculosis screening within the past one year of visiting the University is required. In addition, proof of an Influenza vaccination for the current Influenza season (annually recognized as October 1st through March 31st) is a mandatory requirement.

1.) You must receive approval from the Office of Clinical Affairs prior to gaining access to the clinical area. You are limited to this clinic area.
2.) I approve of ___________________________ to observe in the ________________ Clinic.

Signature of Clinic Director/Dept. Chair: ___________________________

3.) You must agree not to interfere with any patient treatment and not handle any dental instruments.
4.) You must agree to wear appropriate personal protective equipment, as per current PDM policy, and follow all PDM policies on the disposal/sanitation of said materials.
5.) You must agree to follow all Penn Dental Medicine and University policies, rules and regulations including, specifically, those regarding infection control and safety, patient confidentiality relative to HIPAA, and the policies and procedures of the Institutional Review Board (IRB).

I understand and agree with the requirements stated above.

______________________________  ________________________________
Observer’s Printed Name & Date  Legal Guardian’s Printed Name & Date

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Observer’s Signature

______________________________
Legal Guardian’s Signature
Approval Flow: Waiver for Visitors Observing in Clinical Areas

Observers will be allowed one full day or two clinic sessions (AM or PM) of shadowing. This form must be returned to the Office of Clinical Affairs for approval at least 2 weeks in advance of the requested observation date(s).

Visitor Name: _________________________________________________________________

Date(s) and session(s) of observation: _____/ _____/ _____ to _____/ _____/ _______

Clinic(s) for observation: _______________________________________________________

☐ Copy of Driver’s License/State Issued Identification Card or Passport
☐ Proof of vaccinations (Must be translated into English):
  ☐ Measles
  ☐ Mumps
  ☐ Rubella
  ☐ Tdap: within the last 10 years
  ☐ Varicella
    (Documentation of illness does not meet this requirement. Varicella Titer must be completed. If there is no immunity, the series must be started over)

☐ Hepatitis B
☐ Tuberculosis: PPD skin test or QFT blood test
  (Chest X-Ray does not satisfy the requirement. If you have history of BCG, you must obtain a QuantiFERON QFT test)
☐ Influenza (for visits October 1st - March 31st)
☐ COVID-19 Vaccination (Current & & Booster if eligible)
☐ Proof of N95 Mask Fitting Documentation

Signed Agreement to Appropriately Use Confidential Information
  Faculty-signed Waiver for Visitors Observing in Clinical Areas

For Clinical Affairs use only:

Date submitted to Clinical Affairs: __________

Not approved: _________________________________________________________________

I approve of the above-named visitor to observe in the _____________________Clinic.
  __________________________________________________________________________

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1) All observers in clinical spaces must provide proof of their immunization status before entering the clinical areas of the Dental School. This is imperative to ensure the current medical surveillance program is not compromised as well as protecting the safety of the observer and PDM patients, student body, faculty and staff.

1.) Each visitor must provide proof of the following:

- Copy of Driver's License/State Issued Photo Identification Card or Passport
- Proof of vaccinations (Must be translated into English):
  - Measles
  - Mumps
  - Rubella
  - Tdap: within the last 10 years
  - Varicella

(Documentation of illness does not meet this requirement. Varicella Titer must be completed. If there is no immunity, the series must be started over)

- Hepatitis B
- Tuberculosis: PPD skin test or QFT blood test

(Chest X-Ray does not satisfy the requirement. If you have had BCG, you must obtain a QuantiFERON QFT test)

- Influenza (for visits October 1st - March 31st)
- COVID-19 Vaccination (Current & Booster if eligible)
- Proof of N95 Mask Fitting Documentation

2.) You must obtain approval from the Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs prior to accessing any clinical areas. You are limited to the clinic area for which you have been approved to observe. Should you request admittance to any other clinical areas, you must obtain approval from the Director of that clinic and they must also sign this waiver.

3.) You must agree not to interfere with any patient treatment and not to handle any dental instruments.

4.) You must agree to wear appropriate personal protective equipment, as directed by the clinic staff, and follow all Penn Dental Medicine policies on the disposal/sanitation of said materials.

5.) You must agree to follow all Penn Dental Medicine and University rules and regulations, including those regarding infection control and safety, and patient confidentiality based on HIPAA.

I understand and agree to the information mentioned above:

Visitor Printed Name

years old

Legal Guardian's Printed Name (If visitor is under 18 years old)

Visitor's Signature

Legal Guardian’s Signature (If visitor is under 18 years old)

For Penn Dental use only:

I approve of the above-named visitor to observe in the __________________________ clinic.

Date(s) and session(s) of observation: __________________________
PDM VISITOR N95 MASK REQUIREMENT

All visitors observing in any clinical setting at PDM must wear proper PPE as required according to PDM policies. This includes NIOSH approved N95 respirator to which they were fitted for.

All visitors must provide proof of a N95 Mask Fitting.

Visitors must bring their own N95 Mask for their approved visitor date and time.

PDM will provide all other required PPE

I understand and agree with the requirements stated above:

Visitor Printed Name

Legal Guardian’s Printed Name (If visitor is under 18 years old)

Visitor’s Signature

Legal Guardian’s Signature (If visitor is under 18 years old)
Visitor’s Agreement to Appropriately Use Confidential Information

As a visitor to Penn Dental Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, I may encounter confidential and valuable data and/or use of data/voice systems. These data include, but are not limited to, Protected Health Information as described in the Federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. In order to ensure the security and proper use of confidential information and school resources, I agree to:

I. Safeguard any and all patient information in my possession, regardless of format;

II. Access only the minimum necessary information required in the course of my observation;

III. Maintain in strictest confidence any data to which I have access. I understand that any confidential information must not be shared in any manner with others who are unauthorized to view such data;

IV. I understand that the use of Penn Dental Medicine’s systems and their data for personal purposes is prohibited;

V. I understand that the use of patient protected health information (PHI) and other confidential data for personal purposes is prohibited;

VI. Store confidential data in a place that is physically secure from access by unauthorized persons;

VII. Keep all confidential material in its designated work area, never removing any PHI from Penn Dental Medicine;

VIII. Dispose of confidential information in an approved method of destruction and never dispose of such information in a wastebasket or recycling bin.

I understand that any misuse or abuse of confidential information, abuse of access to the School’s systems and their data, any illegal use or copying of software or patient numbers, or any misuse of the School’s equipment may result in loss of access to the School’s systems. Violations of this policy may result in termination of my observers and disqualification from future Penn Dental Medicine observation activities.

________________________________________  ______________________
Visitor’s Printed Name                          Date

________________________________________
Visitor’s Signature

Office of the Dean
University of
Pennsylvania School of
Dental Medicine
240 S. 40th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104
Date: __________

Name of observer: ________________________________

Address: __________________

_____________________

Dear __________________:

Name of Observer

On behalf of the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, we welcome you as an observer to our school and clinics! Please take a moment to review this letter, which contains references to some of Penn Dental’s policies and procedures. After you are done, please sign in the space provided below and return a copy of this letter to your contact person at Penn Dental.

Your observer or volunteer experience will take place in:

__________________________

(Name of clinic, lab, etc.)

During the period:

__________________________

(Start and end dates)

Your contact person is:

__________________________

(Name of sponsor)

Observers are required to adhere to all Penn Dental policies and procedures, including but not limited to safety policies. If you intend to observe work in the clinic or laboratory, you will be given some basic clinical or laboratory safety training. Completing this training is an essential condition of your coming to Penn Dental.

The University and Penn Dental maintain a number of policies established during the COVID-19 pandemic intended to reduce the incidence of disease in our community. If you are not fully vaccinated, prior to arriving on campus, each day you must complete a daily symptom screening tool, and when indoors, you must observe distancing requirements and wear an approved face covering.

Office of the Dean
University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine
240 S. 40th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104
Observers and volunteers assume all risks associated with their experience at Penn Dental. By entering and remaining at Penn Dental, you knowingly and voluntarily assume the risk of any illness, injury, or death arising out of or relating in any way to exposure to hazards at the University and/or Penn Dental, including but not limited to COVID-19; this includes negligence on the part of the University and/or Penn Dental and/or their faculty, employees, students, and agents. Further, you agree to release the University and/or its faculty, employees, students, and agents from any claims or liability arising out of your experience at Penn Dental.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Kimberly Wolcott, or Dr. Najeed Saleh.

Once again, we welcome you to Penn Dental, and wish you an enjoyable and rewarding experience!

Sincerely,

Mark S. Wolff, DDS, PhD
Morton Amsterdam Dean University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine

ACKNOWLEDGED AND AGREED:

__________________________________________ Dated: ________________ (Signature of observer)

of observer)

c: Najeed Saleh, DDS Ms. Kimberly Wolcott Sean Burke, Esq.