



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY  
HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER™

School of Medicine

Operating Policy and Procedure

**SOM OP:** 50.20, **Observers**

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this School of Medicine (SOM) policy and procedure is to establish a policy for International Medical Graduates (IMGs) who wish to observe research, clinical or scholarly activities in the TTUHSC medical education programs on a temporary basis.

**REVIEW:** This SOM Policy and Procedure shall be reviewed within each odd-numbered fiscal year by the TTUHSC Graduate Medical Education Coordinating Council. Revisions will be forwarded to the Office of the Dean for approval and publication

**POLICY/PROCEDURE:**

- 1. General.** Physicians in training from Non-LCME/AOA accredited medical schools & international medical schools will not be permitted as observers in any of the TTUHSC GME programs because of the heightened awareness of potential malpractice claims and violation of the Medical Practice Act, Section 3.08 (H) and (I) and Chapter 162 of the Licensure rules of the Texas Medical Board (TMB).
- 2. Supervision of Medical Students.** Guidelines of Chapter 162.1-162.2 of the licensure rules of the TMB, Supervision of Medical School Students, will be followed.
- 3. Additional Training.** Should programs wish to provide additional training and/or orientation prior to residents' initial day of residency, a request must be made in writing to the campus DIO.