POLICY NAME: Liability/malpractice coverage for endorsed volunteer experiences

Responsible Party: Office of Medical Education

Applies To CMED: ☐ Faculty ☑ Students ☐ Residents ☐ Staff ☐ Administration

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**POLICY:**
The CMU College of Medicine supports and encourages students enrolled in the MD program to become involved in clinically-relevant volunteer activities within the broader community and considers these to be approved curricular activities. Students engaged in such volunteer activities will be protected by Central Michigan University’s liability/medical malpractice insurance, provided that the conditions for the volunteer activities are fulfilled as outlined in this policy.

**PROCEDURES:**
To receive insurance coverage protection for liability and medical malpractice during participation in clinically relevant volunteer activities, the participating student must inform the College of their volunteer activity, and agree to represent the College of Medicine in a professional manner consistent with expectations outlined in the College of Medicine’s Student Handbook.

**Types of volunteer experiences endorsed**
Student participation in volunteer activities is restricted to those activities consistent with the student’s level of training and proven competency. In addition, all volunteer activities taking place in a clinical context must be directly supervised by a licensed health care provider. Examples of such activities include but are not limited to:

- Participation in hospital and community health care and wellness activities
- Participation in charitable health care organizations such as free clinics
- Participation in medical service trips
**Informing the College of volunteer experiences**

To inform the College of their volunteer experience, students must complete the electronic form available at [http://med.cmich.edu/volunteer](http://med.cmich.edu/volunteer) before participating in the volunteer experience and receive confirmation of submission from the Office of Student Affairs.

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