

CHRISTUS SANTA ROSA HEALTH SYSTEM OBSERVATION PRIVILEGES STANDARDS

Applicants for observation privileges must be high school graduates preparing to start college, or a college or post-graduate students. Students who are approved for observation privileges must follow the following standards:

1. The maximum length of an observership is one month, and is approved based upon availability of providers and teaching resources. The observer's experience must not pose an undue burden on the academic teaching program(s) at the hospital.
2. Observers must remain with their Medical Staff sponsor at all times, and are not allowed to be left alone with patients, other providers, physicians-in-training, or students.
3. The Medical Staff sponsor must receive agreement from all patients, in private and without the observer present, prior to allowing the observer to enter a patient's room.
4. Observers will wear their CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Observation ID badge at all times, to clearly identify their non-clinical role.
5. Observers will not be permitted to wear white coats or any type of medical paraphernalia which might be construed as that worn by a staff physician, or introduced to patients as anything other than an observer.
6. Observers may not have any direct patient contact.
7. Observers may not access the EMR, enter isolation rooms, or scrub into the operating room.
8. Observers must follow the same hand hygiene protocol as required in the hospital environment.
9. The Medical Staff sponsor is responsible for the conduct of the observer.
10. Observers are not provided with free parking or free meals on campus.