

Policy for Non-University Patient Care Activities

The UIC College of Dentistry (COD) is committed to supporting community access to dental care and takes great pride in a curriculum that supports these efforts on an intramural and extramural basis. While the COD has established community partnerships, such as services provided to clients at “Goldie’s Place” as part of the college curriculum, there may be students and/or faculty interested in engaging partnerships of their own.

To this end, the COD has established Policies for activities outside the scope of the university’s curriculum to help clarify rules and responsibilities for dentistry students, residents, and faculty.

Please review the following Policies for external events with not-for-profit groups and other non-University entities:

Patient Education

- Patient education provided by UIC COD students, staff and faculty is an acceptable form of activity outside the scope of the university setting. It is permissible to use the UIC brand including logos, badges, banners, etc.

Health Screening and Clinical Patient Care

- There must be no stated or perceived representation of UIC by students, faculty, or staff. Some examples of perceived representation include scrubs with the UIC logo, badges and banners with the UIC logo, notices in social media postings referencing UIC or using any of its brands, or recruitment via the University email system.
- Faculty, residents, and students who participate in non-curricular activities are not covered by University liability insurance. It is the responsibility of the participants, working with the non-University entity, to ensure that liability insurance coverage is in place to cover all participants prior to the delivery of any dental services.
- It is the responsibility of the participants, working with the non-University entity, to ensure that the host location has suitable sanitation and other established health protocols to provide the proposed health screenings and/or clinical care.
- It is acceptable for faculty and residents who have a full dental and DEA license to engage in activities which include screening and clinical care. It is advised that screening should be provided only when assurances of close-ended referrals are made when needed.
- Student activities are limited to services that do not require a dental license, such as assisting.
- Students and faculty participating in short-term international service trips are subject to the same guidelines as service within the U.S. It is highly recommended that they complete the Ethical Challenges in Short-Term Global Health Training online course found at ethicsandglobalhealth.org.

If you have any questions regarding these COD Guidelines, please contact The Office of Clinical Affairs.