Emergency Medicine Clerkship
EMED CLERKSHIP ONLY

ALL Patient Encounters:
- PPE per TAMU and affiliate guidelines
- Surgical mask required for all encounters
- Augmented eye protection is strongly encouraged for all patient facing encounters (clinical affiliate may require)
- Faculty approval and supervision required
- Utilize CDC guidelines for handwashing, patient interactions, and social distancing
- ALL patients must wear a mask whenever feasible and

EMED CLERKSHIP students may participate in the care of routine patients without prior review.
LOW-RISK PUIs may qualify for clerkship student participation, but must be seen and examined by a physician on their clinical team (PGY2/above resident or attending faculty) and assessed as low-risk for COVID-19 by clinical presentation and symptoms prior to direct student involvement.

ALL PUI patients must have a clinical condition important for course learning objectives.
Participation in the care of low-risk PUIs is voluntary and NOT required.

*NOTE: Patients with fever AND respiratory symptoms or known first degree contact with a known COVID positive patient are NOT low-risk PUIs and are NOT PERMITTED.**EMED ELECTIVE post-clerkship student participation guidelines are provided SEPARATELY elsewhere.

NOTE: VIRTUAL or DISTANT student participation in the care of ANY patient through the use of telehealth or mobile devices is allowed regardless of COVID-19 status.

Patient Risk Assessment
- Known COVID-19 Positive Test?
- Fever & URI Symptoms*?
- Known COVID-19 First Degree Contact*?
- Encounter Requiring Gown?
- Encounter Requiring N-95 Mask?
- COVID-19 PUI due to clinical presentation or clinical suspicion?
- Anticipated Aerosolizing Procedure?
- Anticipated Intubation/Extubation?
- Faculty or Senior Resident Assessment of High Risk for COVID-19?

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HIGH-RISK TRAUMA CONDITIONS INCLUDE:
1. Altered Mental Status Limiting the Ability to Adequately Screen for COVID-19
2. High Velocity Injury
3. Penetrating and/or Blunt Traumatic Injury of the:
   a. Chest
   b. Abdomen
   c. Pelvis
   d. Head/Neck with Altered Mental Status
(Does Not Preclude Student Repair of Simple Isolated Lacerations)

Acceptable Risk Patient
PROCEED with due CAUTION

HIGH-RISK TRAUMA PATIENT?

NOTE: Every student should always feel empowered to speak up in a PROFESSIONAL MANNER regarding safety concerns at any point. The clinical environment is unpredictable and there are no guarantees. When in doubt, ask for immediate clarification.

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