

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

YES

ED Patient

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.

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.

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?

YES

HIGH-RISK PATIENT

NO

HIGH-RISK TRAUMA PATIENT?

YES

STOP

NO

Acceptable Risk Patient

PROCEED with due CAUTION

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)

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