



Clinical Space Access Policy

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Summary

This policy establishes institutional requirements to ensure that medical students participating in the Clerkship and Transition to Residency Phases of the MD program have access to appropriate clinical learning space, including personal secure storage, study space, workspace and computers, and secure call rooms when overnight clinical learning experiences are required. The policy also establishes expectations for communication, monitoring, and continuous review of these resources across affiliated clinical sites.

In addition to the clinical space resources required by this policy, requirements for the assignment, use, and management of student lockers, and the provision of badge-restricted access to designated student lounge and study spaces, at the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Tucson are stated in the [Campus Locker Use and Space Access Policy](#).

Related LCME Standards

5.6 Clinical Instructional Facilities/Information Resources

Each hospital or other clinical facility affiliated with a medical school that serves as a major location for required clinical learning experiences has sufficient information resources and instructional facilities for medical student education.

5.11 Study/Relaxation/Storage Space/Call Rooms

A medical school ensures that its medical students have at each campus adequate study space, relaxation space, and personal lockers or other secure storage space. A medical school also ensures that medical students have at each clinical site adequate study space, personal lockers or other secure storage space, and secure on-call rooms if students are required to participate in late night or overnight clinical learning experiences.

Applicability & Scope

This policy applies to all students in the Clerkship and Transition to Residency Phases of the MD Program, and establishes the minimum requirements that all affiliated clinical sites participating in the MD program must meet to provide appropriate clinical space resources for medical students.

Definitions

Secure Storage – Personal lockers or other secure storage solutions that allow students to safely store personal belongings while participating in clinical learning activities. Examples include assigned lockers, secure team workrooms, designated student work areas, operating room locker facilities, or other access-controlled storage provided at affiliated clinical sites.

Policy Statement

I. Clinical Space Requirements

- A. All affiliated clinical sites participating in the MD program will ensure that medical students have access to the following:
 - 1) **Secure Storage**
 - a) Personal secure storage sufficient to store safely personal belongings for the duration of the student's clinical learning activities at the site.
 - 2) **Study and Workspace**
 - a) Adequate study space, workspace, and computers for medical student use.
 - 3) **Secure Call Rooms**
 - a) At sites where students are required to participate in overnight clinical learning experiences, secure call rooms must be available for student use.

II. Communication of Clinical Space Resources

- A. Clerkship syllabi must provide students with information regarding the availability of secure storage, study and workspace, computers, and call rooms (where applicable) at clinical sites used for the clerkship.
- B. Students will receive information regarding available clinical space resources, including secure storage, during both clerkship orientation and local clinical site orientation.
- C. Students will have access to the College's [Guide to Secure Storage for Students at Select Clinical Sites](#), which provides site-specific information regarding secure storage resources.

III. Concerns and Reporting

- A. Students with questions or concerns regarding secure storage, study space, workspace, computers, or call rooms at a clinical site should contact their site director or clerkship director.
- B. Students who are unable to access required space should report this concern to their clerkship director. Clerkship directors are responsible for working collaboratively with affiliated clinical sites to resolve access issues in a timely manner and, when appropriate, communicate unresolved issues through established curricular oversight processes.

IV. Monitoring and Review

- A. Curricular Affairs, in collaboration with clerkship directors and affiliated clinical sites, is responsible for overseeing implementation of this policy and facilitating continuous quality

improvement to ensure students have appropriate access to secure storage, learner workspaces, and other clinical space resources across the distributed clinical learning environment.

- B. Availability of the clinical space resources required by this policy will be evaluated during routine clinical site visits and other institutional reviews.
- C. Student perceptions regarding the availability and adequacy of clinical space resources will be monitored through clinical site evaluations and other institutional survey instruments.
- D. Findings will be reported to the Tucson Educational Policy Committee (TEPC) as part of annual clerkship Level 1 reviews.
- E. Findings requiring corrective action will be addressed through the College's continuous quality improvement processes.

Procedures

None

Related Information

Policies

- [COM-T Policy 9-112: Campus Locker Use and Space Access Policy](#)

Resources

- [Guide to Secure Storage for Students at Select Clinical Sites](#)

Revision History

2026/07/20: The Vice Dean for Medical Education approved revisions to add student access to the College's guide to secure storage for students at select clinical sites under Communication of Clinical Space Resources.

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