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**Global Medical Brigades Student DOs and DON’Ts**

\*\*\*Students MUST have appropriate paperwork in order to participate in ANY station of the brigade

* + Minor Waiver for any student under 18 years of age
  + Alternative Transportation Waiver for any student using non-Global Brigades travel plans
  + Up-to-date Immunization record for Consultation and Dental Stations

**\*\*Without these completed forms, students will NOT be allowed to come on the brigade; they will immediately be sent home upon arrival to Honduras**

**In intake:**

* Input patient information into Data Informatics Program (our electronic medical records system)
* Converse with patients (ask name, information about where they’re from, etc.)
* Participate in Data Informatics
  + Alongside a Global Brigades coordinator
  + Data entry is essential for proper patient care
  + Analysis of patient record tracking
  + Increase sustainability of program along with increasing quality of patient care

**In triage:**

* Provide patient care:
  + Students may take weight, height, blood pressure, and temperature if they are properly trained
  + If a nurse or other licensed healthcare provider is in triage station, students may assist him/her with glucose testing
    - if there are only students in triage, glucose testing is performed in the consultation area
    - this is up to the discretion of the healthcare professional; however students may NOT be in contact with contaminated sharps at any point
* Converse with patients
  + Ask questions regarding symptoms and pain levels
  + Ask about medical history
    - in Spanish, triage cheat sheets are provided by Global Brigades on the Wiki Student Resource Site
  + Dialogue about patients day to day activities regarding health and quality of life
* Ask questions to health care professionals and coordinators regarding patient care
  + Learning opportunities for students about patient care
  + Learning opportunities in pharmacology
  + Learning opportunities in international healthcare practices

**In consultation area:**

* Observe patient care:
  + Alongside a licensed physician, nurse practitioner, physician’s assistant, nurse, healthcare professional student, or other healthcare professionals approved by Global Brigades
  + Wearing proper attire (closed toe shoes and gloves/facemask when necessary for shadowing procedures)
  + No more than 2 students observing per patient (in addition to DI student and translator when necessary)
* Provide patient care:
  + Students may assist healthcare professionals with glucose testing
    - this is up to the discretion of the healthcare professional; however students may NOT be in contact with contaminated sharps at any point
* Converse with patients
  + Ask questions regarding symptoms and pain levels
  + Ask about medical history
  + Dialogue about patients day to day activities regarding health and quality of life
* Participate in Data Informatics
  + Alongside a Global Brigades coordinator
  + Data entry is essential for proper patient care
  + Analysis of patient record tracking
* Ask questions to healthcare professionals and coordinators regarding patient care
  + Learning opportunities for students about patient care
  + Learning opportunities in pharmacology
  + Learning opportunities in international healthcare practices
* Pass along sterilized instruments to healthcare professionals as necessary
  + Alongside a licensed healthcare professional
  + Wearing proper attire
  + Must have proof of immunizations

**In Citologia:**

* Observe patient care:
  + Alongside Honduran physician
  + Wearing proper attire (closed toe shoes and gloves/facemask when necessary for shadowing procedures)
  + No more than 1 FEMALE students observing per patient
* Converse with patients:

\*this may be limited depending on how comfortable patient feels

* + Ask questions regarding symptoms and pain levels
  + Ask about medical history
  + Dialogue about patients day to day activities regarding health and quality of life
* Participate in Data Informatics
  + Alongside a Global Brigades coordinator
  + Data entry essential for proper patient care
  + Analysis of patient record tracking
* Ask questions to healthcare professionals and coordinators regarding patient care
  + Learning opportunities for students about patient care
  + Learning opportunities in pharmacology
  + Learning opportunities in international healthcare practices
* Pass along sterilized instruments to healthcare professionals
  + Alongside a licensed healthcare professional
  + Wearing proper attire
  + Must have proof of immunizations to be able to participate in cold sterilization

**In Dental:**

see Dental Brigades list

**In Adult Charla:**

* Perform educational workshops
* Assist Reyes Irenes girl (GB employee)
  + Pass out hygiene packs (toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, lotion, shampoo, etc.)
  + Explain importance of personal hygiene and health promotion/disease prevention
* Ask questions to healthcare professionals and coordinators regarding patient care
  + Learning opportunities for students about patient care
  + Learning opportunities in pharmacology
  + Learning opportunities in international healthcare practices

**In Children’s Charla:**

* Perform educational workshops
* Lead Children’s Charla (see Children’s Charla builder on Wiki Student Resource site)
  + Teach/demonstrate proper oral hygiene care, hand washing, healthy diet, etc.
* Ask questions to healthcare professionals and coordinators regarding patient care
  + Learning opportunities for students about patient care
  + Learning opportunities in pharmacology
  + Learning opportunities in international healthcare practices

**In Pharmacy:**

* Provide patient care:
  + Fill prescriptions under supervision of Honduran pharmacist and pharmacist assistant
  + Wearing proper attire (closed toe shoes)
* Converse with patients:
  + Distribute medicine to patients under supervision of Honduran pharmacist and pharmacist assistant
  + Explain proper usage of medicine under supervision of Honduran Pharmacist and pharmacist assistant
  + Chat with patient
* Ask questions to healthcare professionals and coordinators regarding patient care
  + Learning opportunities for students about patient care
  + Learning opportunities in pharmacology
  + Learning opportunities in international healthcare practices

**In all stations/after the brigade:**

* Provide feedback about their experience
  + Suggestions to improve programming
  + Ideas for better patient care
  + Research improvements
* Fill out and file patient paperwork
  + Alongside a Global Brigades coordinator
  + Data entry is essential for proper patient care
    - if all data is not input on brigade site, students are responsible for finishing (along with coordinator) at the campus

**What students CANNOT do (applies to all stations):**

* Handle any infected equipment from a procedure they observe:
  + Healthcare professionals and Global Brigade Staff handles all infected equipment
  + Administer injections/handle needles or syringes
  + Students may not be in ANY contact nor near needles, syringes, sharps at all
  + Students may NOT check blood glucose levels
* Dispose of needles, syringes, infected equipment
  + Will be handled by licensed dentist and/or Global Brigades Staff
  + Any Global Brigades Staff will be terminated if this is not followed
* Physically touch or handle any patient
  + Contact and handling of any patients will be by licensed healthcare provider and/or Global Brigades staff
* Make decisions regarding patient care, diagnosis
  + Will be handled by licensed healthcare professional and/or Global Brigades Professional Health Care Providers
  + Make decisions around medications distribution or prescribe medications
  + Will be handled by licensed healthcare professional and/or Global Brigades Professional Health Care Providers
* Contact infected tools
  + Will be handled by licensed dentist and/or Global Brigades Professional Health Care Providers
* Perform any procedure (stitches, wound cleaning, other common procedures seen on brigades)
  + Will be handled by licensed dentist and/or Global Brigades Professional Health Care Providers
* Take pictures of patients without patient consent
* Be present in the dental station without proper attire (closed toe shoes and face mask, gloves as necessary for procedures)

**Students MUST:**

* ALWAYS wear gloves during procedure shadowing on in other areas of close patient contact (i.e. dental station, triage, and citologia)
* Wash/Sanitize hands before and after procedure shadowing
* Provide proof of vaccinations via copy of immunization records
* Sign waiver on Empowered.org
* Report any injuries or incidences that may occur to a member of the Global Brigades Staff

**For Medical School Students:**

* 4th-year students (with proper documentation and under the supervision of a Honduran physician) CAN:
  + see patients
  + perform simple procedures
  + perform PAP smears