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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