

AMO Student Guide

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WHAT TO EXPECT DURING
YOUR CLINICAL EXPERIENCE



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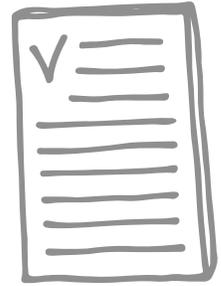
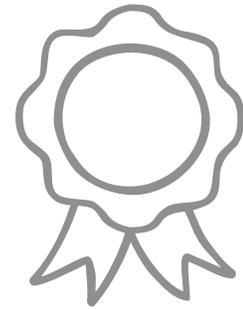


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BEST PRACTICES FOR SUCCESS

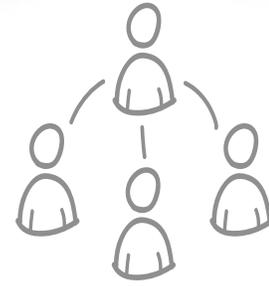
Dress Code

The dress code for AMO clinical experiences is business casual unless specified by the program. Both your appearance and clothing should be clean and neat. We recommend wearing dress pants or chinos, button-ups or polo shirts, and dress shoes. You may also wear skirts, dresses, blouses, and closed-toe shoes. Be sure to practice good hygiene. Avoid using fragrances and perfumes as patients you meet may have allergies.

If you have a white coat and stethoscope, bring those as well. If they are not needed, your precepting physician will tell you after the first day.

Unless you receive an email stating otherwise, please direct questions about your rotation to your AMO Coach who will have all of the details you need to know about your program.





Behavior

Clinical experiences and the people you meet during them can impact your future in healthcare. For this reason, you should always demonstrate respect and professionalism by adhering to the following suggestions.

1. *Prioritize Communication*

Communicate your goals during the experience with your precepting physician. When you don't understand something, don't be afraid to speak up. If you find yourself running late or unable to attend your rotation, notify your physician and AMO as soon as possible.

3. *Show Enthusiasm*

At times you may feel unsure about yourself or the experience; when this occurs, try to make the best of it.

2. *Maintain Professionalism*

Be respectful towards your precepting physician, others participating in the experience, and healthcare professionals at your rotation site. Address physicians by their title: doctor. Avoid using your phone during the experience unless necessary.

4. *Be Punctual*

On the first day of your experience, be sure to arrive early. Continue this throughout your rotation when possible. Being on time will show your precepting physician that you are responsible and respect their time and schedule.



EXPERIENCE TYPES

Depending on your rotation type, here are a few requirements to keep in mind.

Inpatient/Outpatient Exposure

AMO clinical experiences are designed to meet your school's curriculum requirements. AMO programs provide inpatient exposure, outpatient exposure, or a combination. Either way, your rotation will provide you with the experience you need to earn credit.

Hands-On Experiences

- Engage in some form of patient interaction that is considered the supervised practice of medicine.
- Record patient history or complete examinations.
- Adhere to HIPAA, Joint Commission regulations, and state guidelines regarding patient interaction, presenting cases, and giving differential diagnosis to the supervising physician.

Observership Experiences

- Participate in a supervised rotation without patient contact or administering patient care.
- Observe the practice of medicine as provided by the physician.
- Adhere to HIPAA, Joint Commission regulations, and state guidelines regarding patient interaction, presenting cases, and giving differential diagnosis to the supervising physician.



AVOIDING MALPRACTICE

During your clinical experience, you may be tempted to care for patients without supervision from your preceptor. It's important to avoid unlawfully practicing medicine in this way as it could have serious repercussions and could cause difficulties in obtaining your medical license, applying for residency, or securing malpractice insurance. As a visitor, you are responsible for complying with U.S. federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

To maintain compliance, adhere to the following:

- Do not engage in the unsupervised practice of medicine.
- If completing a hands-on rotation you will be required to provide up-to-date malpractice insurance.
- Patient confidentiality is legally binding. You must not discuss patient information with friends, colleagues, or anyone not authorized to be involved in the patient's care. By participating in an AMO rotation, you agree that you have familiarized yourself with HIPAA rules and regulations and will not transmit protected information to unauthorized parties, including AMO.





REQUESTING YOUR LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

AMO clinical experiences provide participants with the opportunity to earn a letter of recommendation. These letters can be used to apply for residency programs and supplement a resume or CV.

Because these letters are merit-based, it is your responsibility to request a letter and ensure that you are doing enough to earn one. Strong LoRs have content that speaks to your character, medical skills and knowledge, and devotion to the medical field. For your precepting physician to write a letter that includes these items, your behavior during the experience must reflect them.

Discuss the possibility of receiving an LoR with your precepting physician mid rotation and share the date you will need the document along with the best way to receive it. You may decide to have your precepting physician upload it directly to ERAS if you will be using it to apply for residency. If this is not the case, you may prefer to have them email it to you or your university.

For additional information on LoRs and how to upload them to ERAS, [click here](#).

