



## Oklahoma State Medical Association Observership Program Overview

Purpose: To facilitate the assimilation of graduates of international medical programs by providing the structure to learn the basic methodology of the health care system in the United States.

The Oklahoma State Medical Association has created an observership program. The 12-week program will be made up of three to six rotations in various specialties. Every effort will be made to arrange for at least one rotation in the observer's choice of specialty but it cannot be guaranteed. During the 12-week program, you may have the opportunity to participate in the following ways:

- Attending hospital rounds with the mentor
- Attending office/outpatient clinic
- Attending patient care conferences
- Participating in educational lectures
- Observing procedures
- Reviewing literature and performing literature search

During the program, the observer may have the opportunity to:

- Learn the process of obtaining a history and physical
- Demonstrate patient/physician communication skills
- Describe the role of the health care team
- Demonstrate effective telephone communication with members of the health care team
- Review clinical, laboratory, and radiological data
- Access clinical data.
- Demonstrate web based research
- Learn the process of writing a physician order
- Learn the process of writing a medication order
- Learn to present a clinical case for a patient conference
- Be familiar with the appropriate attire for a hospital or clinic
- Learn a basic understanding of HIPAA
- Describe a valid informed consent

The role of the OSMA is to process the application, facilitate the placement, and to verify completion of the program. The OSMA is not the supervisor of the observer. Upon completion of the rotations and after receiving evaluations from the mentor physicians, the IMG Council of the observer will receive a certificate of completion from the OSMA indicating the number of weeks served as well as mentors and their medical specialties. The participant will learn by observing the mentor.



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To apply for the program, complete the application and mail it to OSMA with your non-refundable \$250 application fee. We will accept 60 applications for 12 placements. All application materials must be received in paper form along with a non-refundable \$250 application fee. **Cashiers check or money order are the ONLY acceptable form of payment.** Other placement opportunities may be available in the future and those applications that are not accepted for the current session will be included in the next two application reviews without an additional application fee. After 3 application reviews the application will be destroyed and all materials will be destroyed. If the applicant believes that there is more information that would warrant applying to the program again, that is the prerogative of the applicant to complete the application process again. If you are accepted to the program an email will be sent requesting other information (Immunizations, Tb test, background check, and additional non-refundable \$900 placement fee, etc.).

**All questions and inquiries will be received and answered by email only at [IMG@okmed.org](mailto:IMG@okmed.org).**

Please do not call or email the OSMA offices, it will delay your application process.