University of Florida College of Dentistry
Guidelines for Faculty and Students’ Participation in Domestic off-site Clinical Volunteer Activities
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Introduction:

The University of Florida College of Dentistry (UFCD) faculty, students, residents and staff participate in a range of volunteer activities in community locations throughout the state involving direct diagnostic, preventive, and general dentistry/specialty care. Service to and engagement with communities is a key component of the college’s mission.

Guidelines:

These guidelines apply to activities involving direct delivery of services including but not limited to the We Care Clinic, Remote Area Medical, Mission of Mercy, FreeDOM clinic, Florida Baptist Van, and Care to Share. Activities may include surgical, endodontic, restorative, diagnostic and preventive dental procedures.

- Faculty (regular, adjunct and courtesy with active credentials) may participate in the rendering of care if the service is within the normal scope of their activities and assignments as a UFCD faculty member.
- Registered students and residents may participate in the rendering of care if the activities are within the scope of their knowledge and abilities (as determined by their level of academic training) and a credentialed UFCD faculty provides direct supervision.
- The ratio of students to faculty should not exceed 4:1, however may be adjusted with prior discussion and approval.
- If a faculty member, student or resident plans to participate in an outside volunteer activity, names of all UFCD participants must be provided one week in advance to the Program Director of Community-Based Programs. The UFCD Director of Human Resources will forward the names of all participants to the UF Self Insurance Plan (SIP) which provides liability protection for these activities. Faculty, residents and/or students may not participate in the event if they fail to provide this information no later than one-week prior to the event.
- Students may not deliver care under the supervision of someone who is not credentialed as UFCD faculty, regardless of whether or not they are licensed in the state of Florida. For questions about credentialing, please contact Dr. Micaela Gibbs.
- Students and residents can never work outside the scope of their academic training. In the event of any untoward event occurring during the volunteer activity, either student or faculty, must be reported to Dr. Gibbs and appropriate process of reporting to HR and SIP will be initiated.

Guideline Approved: [Signature]

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