



## Acknowledgement of Policies for J-1 Students

### Conducting Research or Studying in Medical and Clinical Fields

This form is for the student, their program representative and/or Academic Training supervisor to understand the clinical restrictions for J-1 students per the U.S. Department of State (DOS).

The policy laid out in *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) – 22 CFR Part 62, Sections 20 and 27* prohibits J-1 students from participating in activities that involve any direct clinical patient contact. Even if the activity is educational in nature, the direct contact between a J-1 student and a person who DOS would deem a patient, is not permissible and is a violation of their immigration status.

The following is the relevant information of *22 CFR 62.27(c)*:

- The DOS uses the terms direct ‘patient care’ and ‘patient contact’ interchangeably. Therefore, any activity involving patient contact and/or patient care is considered clinical and is **forbidden** under the J-1 regulations.
  - ‘**Patient contact**’ is any physical or psychological interaction with a person that could affect their health and/or overall well-being. Examples include providing medication or any form of therapy, drawing blood, administering medical equipment, monitoring bodily functions or collecting any information (even verbal) for research or trials.
- DOS does not differentiate between contact with traditional patients and volunteer research subjects. Both are considered patients.
  - J-1 students may use data collected from volunteers or patients, but they cannot collect the data themselves.
- DOS does not differentiate the location the clinical activity takes place.
  - Clinical activity does not need to take place in a doctor’s office, hospital or clinic.
  - Clinical activity can happen in a classroom setting or in another environment.
- Humans and animals are both considered patients by DOS.
  - Lab animals or animal models, whose sole purpose for existence is for research, are not considered patients by DOS.
- The student cannot be given final responsibility for the diagnosis and treatment of patients (including animal patients).

By signing below, you acknowledge the clinical restrictions as stated by the U.S. Department of State and agree to work with ISS to ensure compliance.

J-1 Student name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

J-1 Student signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Supervisor/Representative name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Supervisor/Representative Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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