

**POLICY ON SHADOWING STUDENTS WISHING TO PURSUE A CAREER IN MEDICINE /
DENTISTRY**



Introduction

Section (1) (i) of the Health Professions Act (Chapter 27:19) mandates the Council to define ethical and professional practice by registered practitioners. The purpose of this paper is to define the guidelines to be followed by practitioners shadowing non-medical students wishing to pursue a career in medicine or dentistry in health institutions. Privacy of patients should be ensured during shadowing programs.

Guidelines

- 1) Shadowing programs of A Level students shall be held in a hospital during a dedicated day by the hospital.
- 2) The students seeking shadowing should apply to the hospital and the name of the registered medical Practitioner to provide the shadowing.
- 3) Shadowing shall be undertaken by registered medical Practitioners in their area of specialty.
- 4) The shadowee may be shown around the theatre (provided there is patient consent), laboratories and mortuaries etc.
- 5) The shadowee must sign a declaration form to observe confidentiality and privacy of the patient.
- 6) The shadowee shall have no physical interaction with patients.
- 7) The interaction with patients shall be left to the discretion of the Supervisor.
- 8) In all cases the patient should give consent.



