

Washington Association of Physicians of Indian Origin

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FOR PHYSICIANS INTERESTED IN BEING SHADOWED:

Dear Dr

WAPI has been receiving letters from students looking for observation and/or shadowing opportunities in the field of medicine and dentistry . Perhaps no other intervention in the lives of young people makes as much intuitive sense as the concept of mentoring by caring and competent adults.

If you are willing to be a career mentor to these students, please let me know. If interested there is more info below.

CAREER MENTORING : Shadowing: Observing doctor-patient interactions.

Having a shadow shouldn't take much of your time. By nature, most physicians like to teach, and it is hard to resist that urge when having a budding student at your side. Because of the lack of "hands on" interaction with the patient, there is limited liability other than privacy.

If you are associated with a hospital, the applicant will have to arrange a volunteer experience with the volunteer office. You may wish to establish some parameters with the applicant, either in writing or verbally, regarding the shadowing experience.

- These may include conforming to your facility's privacy, health, and safety rules, as well as acceptable and unacceptable behavior while shadowing.
- You should be explicit about whether pre-medical students can ask questions, and if so, when, and where.
- Should the student remain in the room and interact with the patient if you have to temporarily leave the room?
- What is your preferred dress code?

Shadowing provides prospective physicians with the opportunity to witness first hand both the joys and frustrations of practicing medicine. They develop a more realistic understanding of what medicine can and can't do. You can decide how much time and how often you are willing to be shadowed. HIPAA is not a barrier; the students can be trained briefly by your office staff if they don't already have HIPAA training.

The shadowing student should understand HIPAA and sign a document demonstrating they acknowledge understanding that what they see and hear stays in the office.

Sincerely,

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"Washington Association of Physicians of Indian origin" is a non-profit organization (tax exempt under 501 (c)(3) code)with over 400 paid/potential local members. It is an umbrella organization to bring together American Physicians, Dentists and Allied Healthcare Professionals of Indian Origin, defining Indian in the broad sense of Indian Ancestry; to provide a conduit to strive to be an exemplary strong ethnic group of professionals with a mission to serve the community by their expertise, cultural heritage and charitable work; to provide high educational and social services to its members. We envision this to be a collegial organization with actively participating members, who believe in its mission and are willing to further its cause.

