SCHEME FOR
“HANDS-OFF” OBSERVERSHIP

ABOUT NATIONAL UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
National University Hospital (NUH) is a 928-bed teaching hospital. Located in the western sector of Singapore, our hospital blends the experience and expertise of its medical staff with the National University of Singapore (NUS)’s doctors-in-training, thereby delivering academic, clinical and research-based innovations and patient-centred services to the people, locally and internationally.

NUH provides advanced, leading-edge medical care. Equipped with state-of-the-art facilities as well as dedicated and well-trained staff, NUH is a major referral centre that delivers tertiary care for a wide range of medical specialties.

The coming together of NUH and the National University of Singapore’s Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine and Faculty of Dentistry under the joint entity, National University Health System (NUHS), boosts its international standing as a university hospital. This further sharpens its three-prong focus of excellence in medical care, clinical research and education to meet the healthcare needs of today and tomorrow.

NUH supports clinical teaching for undergraduate medical students and serves as a clinical and research base for the medical and dental faculties of the National University of Singapore. It also provides postgraduate training for specialist doctors.

NUH SPECIALTIES
NUH offers the following Medical Services:-
- Anaesthesia
- Cardiology (Heart)
- Cardiac, Thoracic and Vascular Surgery (Heart)
- Diagnostic Imaging
- Emergency Medicine
- Gastroenterology & Hepatology (Digestive Health)
- Haematology-Oncology (Cancer)
- Hand and Reconstructive Microsurgery
- Laboratory Medicine
- Medicine
- Neonatology
- Obstetrics and Gynaecology
- Ophthalmology (Eye)
- Orthopaedic Surgery
- Otolaryngology (ENT) – Head and Neck Surgery
- Paediatrics (Children’s Health)
- Paediatric Surgery
- Pathology
- Psychological Medicine
- Radiation Oncology (Cancer)
- Surgery
- Urology

“HANDS-OFF” OBSERVERSHIP
This appointment is accorded to foreign and local doctors to be attached to a clinical department to observe a specific skill with no hands-on experience.

The Singapore Medical Council (SMC) has decided that “Hands-off” Observers do not need to register with the Medical Council. However, the Observers must bear in mind that they are not recognized as ‘medical practitioners’ under the Medical Registration Act (MRC). They will be liable for prosecution if they hold/describe or mislead patients to believe that they are ‘medical practitioners’ registered with Singapore Medical Council.

The Observers cannot participate in patient care or contact, examination, diagnosis, clerking of case notes, writing of prescriptions, review or writing of reports, medical procedure, perform any other clinical work during the Observership or perform any such acts which require him to be registered under the Medical Registration Act (MRC). The Observers must be accompanied at all times when observing any procedures including assessments of patients, pre and post surgical procedures.

In the event of observing direct patient care, the Observers must maintain patients’ confidentiality. Disclosure, discussion or revealing of details about such patients in any form to anyone other than those involved in the Observership will be strictly disallowed.
The Observers shall act appropriately and in a professional, courteous manner throughout the entire period of their Observership.

**DURATION OF OBSERVERSHIP**
The period of Observership will be from 1 day to a maximum of 4 weeks or 28 days duration only.

**SPONSORSHIP**
There will be no financial commitment by the Hospital.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**
- At least 3 years’ experience as a Medical Officer after Housemanship / Internship.
- Good academic record and at least 2 referees’ reports.
- Not more than 35 years of age.
- Citizenship of other countries or permanent residents of Singapore.
- Has a valid pass from the Ministry of Manpower to stay in Singapore.

**SELECTION PROCESS**
- Option of interview may be exercised by a panel chaired by the Chief of Department. Candidate bears the expenses for interview.
- Final selection will be decided by the Chief of Department.
- The NUH Fellowship Desk, Medical Affairs (Education) Department will assist with the paperwork after the application is successfully recommended by the department.

**APPLICATION PROCESS**
- All candidates applying for “Hands-off” Observership are required to submit a detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV) with full personal particulars, professional qualifications, 2 referees’ reports (your referees must be able to vouch for your work performance and character) and career history with medical testimonials, certificates of registration with the relevant supporting documents, letters from relevant sponsors (if applicable), a recent passport size photograph and email address. Candidates must have valid health insurance cover and are Varicella screened and immunized for chicken pox. Please produce copies of the certificates for our record.
- Only short-listed candidates will be notified.

**IF RECOMMENDED**
- Observers must have valid health insurance cover and are Varicella screened and immunized for chicken pox. Copies of the certificates must be produced before commencement of Observership.
- Observers must complete and submit the original copy of the “Hands-off” Observership Agreement by SMC, to the Medical Affairs (Education) Department, before the commencement of the Observership.

**BENEFITS**
“Hands-off” Observers are not eligible to any benefit/privilege extended by the Hospital to its employees.

**FEEDBACK REQUIREMENTS**
All candidates and their supervisors are required to complete the “Hands-off” Observership feedback form and return it to The NUH Fellowship Desk, Medical Affairs (Education) Department, before the end of the Observership.

**CONTACT US**
For enquiries, please email to observer_application@nuhs.edu.sg.

If you are interested to apply for the “Hands-off” Observership, please post your application (in one full set) to the following mailing address:-

“Hands-Off” Observer Application  
National University Hospital  
Medical Affairs (Education Office)  
Level 6, NUHS Tower Block  
1E, Kent Ridge Road  
Singapore119228

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