

<b>Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board POLICY &amp; PROCEDURES MANUAL</b>	
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**PURPOSE**

To establish guidelines for permission for persons to engage with Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Paramedic Service personnel for the purpose of observing.

**APPLICATION**

Paramedics, Paramedic Superintendents and Senior Managers

**PROCEDURE**

Paramedic Service Observer Ride Outs are not permitted with the following exceptions:

- For educational observation by students enrolled in a paramedic or other authorized educational study, and where such students require clinical placement part of their educational experience.
- Allied agencies, or Base Hospital personnel who require clinical exposure for the purpose of professional development or oversight.

Approval for such clinical/educational engagement will be made in advance by the Deputy Chief and shall require completion and submission of all necessary documentation.

Approval for any clinical/educational engagement will be subject to the sole discretion of the Paramedic Service designate and is not considerate of any recourse.

Placement of any observer shall not impact on deployment of Paramedic Service personnel, patients or medical escorts.

Observer activities during any deployment will be subject to preceptor direction and supervision.

Any observer will be removed from deployment any time that their behaviour is found to be in contravention of any Policy, procedure, directive, Standard, or Regulation.

Where any clinical observer is removed from deployment, for any reason, the Deputy Chief will communicate in writing the decision to the educational institution.

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### **Student Requirements**

1. Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB, Paramedic Services requires that any person engaged in a clinical observation deployment will maintain a professional appearance and present themselves in accordance with legislative requirements including compliance with the Provincial Communicable Disease Standards. Student must provide their own Personal Protective Equipment, including but not limited to a Service approved safety helmet, high visibility safety vest, safety glasses and safety footwear as per legislation.
  
2. Participants in any clinical engagement shall submit, in advance, all requisite documentation, specified in this document and the “Paramedic Student Check-Sheet” (attached) which may be revised from time to time.

<b>REFERENCE</b>
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