*Q & A*

***Q: Does Texas Children's Hospital allow observations?***

A: Yes, the Hospital does allow one to observe an Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist or Speech Therapist?

***Q: Which location (Main Campus, West Campus, Cy-Fair, The Woodlands, Kingwood, Clear Lake or Sugar Land) can I observe at?***

A: You can ONLY observe at one location.

***Q: How old do I need to be to observe?***

A: At least 18 years old.

***Q: How many hours can I observe?***

A: We only allow up to 20 hours of observation in our Outpatient Clinics.

Due to the overwhelming requests of observations we only allow up to 20 hours. Currently, the Main Campus hospital has approximately a 3 month wait-list.

***Q: What is the process in order to observe at Texas Children's Hospital?***

A: You will need to complete a set of required documents and receive a TB test from this calendar year, prior to observing.

***Q: Where can I locate the required documents to complete?***

A: On the previous page, click on the “Tab” that says “complete required documents.”

***Q: Where can I obtain a Tuberculosis (TB) skin test?***

A: Your primary physician,

Or most neighborhood Walgreens, CVS Pharmacy, or Any Texas Children's Pediatric Clinic.

***Q: How much does it cost to obtain a TB test?***

A: Price varies at each Clinic.

***Q: What if my TB skin test is positive?***

A: You must obtain a chest X-ray (from this calendar year) and submit results along with the TB test results.

In addition, you must complete and submit a TB Health Questionnaire. The TB Health Questionnaire can be located on the same Tab where the required documents are located.

***Q: Once I’ve completed all the required documents, where do I submit those?***

A: You can either email them to: therapyobservation@texaschildrens.org or fax them to: 832-825-0128.

*Items that must be submitted:*

1. Completed observation application.
2. Negative TB test result from this calendar year.
3. If you received a positive TB test result, submit a chest X-ray from this calendar year **AND** a TB Health Questionnaire.

***Q: Once I submit all my required documents, what happens next?***

A: Your required documents are submitted to Employee Health for clearance prior to observing.

Typically, it takes about one week for clearance, but could take longer.

The Observer Coordinator will then contact you for scheduling via email after they have received your paperwork and you are cleared by Employee Health.

***Q: Which days and between what hours can I observe?***

A: Anytime between Mondays – Fridays from 8:00am – 5:00pm, but this is based on the Therapists availability at each location.

***Q: Can I observe a Therapist in the NICU or Inpatient?***

A: No, unfortunately, we do not allow observations in either area due to the amount of medically fragile patients in these areas.