

Team Physicians

Contact Information

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Procedure

If an athlete is ill or injured, the condition should be reported to the athletic trainer immediately. If a referral to a physician is deemed necessary or a guardian makes the request, the athletic trainer can set up an appointment with either medical group quickly. When scheduling appointments with physicians, it is best to use our team physicians when at all possible. Athletic trainer may call to make appointment once cleared by parent/guardian. If the guardian requests another physician or group, the guardian is responsible for setting appointment and reporting diagnosis and treatment plan to the athletic trainer prior to the athlete being cleared to participate in sport.

If an athlete sees a physician, the athlete or guardian must present a note stating a diagnosis, treatment, and clearance to play criteria to the athletic trainer before he/she may return to the sport.

To help protect coaches, all coaches are required to adhere to the restrictions/recommendations of the athletic trainer and/or physician and the written wishes of a parent/guardian regarding an athlete's medical condition.

Confidentiality

Student athlete medical records will remain confidential. No specific medical information will be provided to persons other than the athlete, immediate family, coaches, and administration. Any requests by the family to withhold information further will be honored by the sports medicine staff.