

SECTION A. INTRODUCTION

The following policies were recommended by the UW Health Sciences International Health Advisory Committee (IHAC) and approved by the UW Medical School Academic Planning Council on August 20, 2003. These policies are established to support high quality, safe international health activities for UW School of Medicine and Public Health faculty, staff, students, and foreign visitors. These activities include teaching, consulting, research, public service, and education programs abroad.

Representatives of the UW Schools of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, and Veterinary Medicine, UW Legal Services, UW Risk Management, UW Office of International Studies and Programs, and UW Hospitals and Clinics were involved in their development. The policies adhere to UW System Guidelines for the Conduct of Study Abroad Programs.

As part of routine practice, these policies have been reviewed and revised to reflect changes in statute and institutional policy, as well as increasing international activities across campus. These particular policies also specifically address processes regarding faculty and staff involved in clinical activities.

Following Academic Planning Council (APC) approval, the policies will be reviewed for approval by the other health science schools. Consistent policies across schools will facilitate further development of interdisciplinary international health programs. These policies and additional travel resources will be easily accessible to faculty, staff, residents, and students through a new international health website.

The following summary outlines key policy issues for APC consideration. Sections are organized according to employee classification. Highlighted areas refer to the Policy Guidelines for the Conduct of International Programs in the UW System (ACIS 7.1-7.4).