

**“No Patient Contact” Letter for Foreign Physicians**  
*To accompany the Department Request for a SEVIS DS-2019*

If you indicated on the application for a new J-1 Professor, Scholar or Short-term Scholar that the J-1 applicant is a physician (M.D.), and that she or he will have **no** patient contact during the exchange visit at UMN, the faculty mentor or department head of the UMN hosting department is required to write a letter on UMN letterhead which includes the following statement:

“This certifies that the program which [name of physician] is to be engaged is solely for the purpose of observation, consultation, teaching, or research and that no element of patient care is involved.”

Please note: This letter is not required for medical students who are not yet M.D.s