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Protocols and Standards
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TOUCH (Translating Osteopathic Understanding into Community Health) is a national initiative of the Council of Osteopathic Student Government Presidents (COSGP). The goal of the program is to encourage and recognize osteopathic medical

- ‡ Completed hours may not be carried over from one academic year to the next.
- ‡ Student names and hours must be submitted to the COSGP Student Services Committee by the appropriate deadline.
- ‡ Student names and hours must also be submitted to their local representative or to the online forms within ONE (1) month of the activity or date of service.
- ‡ COM student organizations that sponsor and organize community service activities will be encouraged to submit the necessary forms acknowledging the students' involvement.

2. If TOUCH credit is deemed to be inaccurate the following protocol should be followed:
   A. First offense: the submission will be stricken from the record and the individual will receive a warning
   B. Second offense: the individual will receive no credit for previous hours and deemed ineligible for TOUCH recognition the remainder of the TOUCH year
3. For the purposes of the TOUCH program, "community service" will be defined as

‡ Administrative tasks that do not take place at the event will not count (i.e. paperwork, filing, organizational tasks).

        ‡ Any hours gained greater than 10 must be validated by the TOUCH coordinator or signed off by the contact of the event through a consent form.

        ‡ Failure to supply these requirements will result in zero credit for the volunteer hours gained

5. If the standards in sections 1 and 2 are met with satisfaction, the student will receive recognition signifying their completion of their commitment to community service. A letter of commendation will also be sent to the Dean from the President of AACOM suggesting the Dean include the student's commitment to service in his/her Dean's letter.

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