

Street Medicine at Ohio State
Constitution
The Ohio State University

Article I – Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy of the Organization

Section 1: Name: The name of this organization shall be Street Medicine at Ohio State.

Section 2: Purpose: We are a student organization that aims to increase quality healthcare services and resources for local unhoused individuals. Our goal is to collaborate with various community partners to pursue various avenues to foster the health and well-being of residents. This includes health screenings, linkage to further healthcare services, connections to resources, and advocacy.

Section 3: Non-Discrimination Policy: This organization does not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status, or any other bases under the law, in its activities, programs, admission, and employment.

As a student organization at The Ohio State University, Street Medicine at Ohio State expects its members to conduct themselves in a manner that maintains an environment free from sexual misconduct. All members are responsible for adhering to University Policy 1.15, which can be found here: <https://hr.osu.edu/public/documents/policy/policy115.pdf>.

If you or someone you know has been sexually harassed or assaulted, you may find the appropriate resources at <http://titleIX.osu.edu> or by contacting the Ohio State Title IX Coordinator at titleIX@osu.edu.

Article II – Membership: Qualifications and Categories of Membership

Section 1: Members must be in good standing with The Ohio State University and The Ohio State University College of Medicine. Members may join the organization at any time by joining the email list and GroupMe. Members who will be participating in on-site events must attend a training session aimed at addressing the important factors in working with this unique patient population.

Article III – Methods for Removing Members and Executive Officers

Section 1: If a member engages in behavior that is detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, violates the organization's constitution or by-laws, or violates the Code of Student Conduct, university policy, or federal, state, or local law, the member may be removed through a majority vote of the officers in consultation with the organization's advisor.

Section 2: Any elected officer of the chapter may be removed from their position for cause. Cause for removal includes, but is not limited to violation of the constitution or by-laws, failure to perform duties, or any behavior that is detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, including violations of the Student Code of Conduct, university policy, or federal, state, or local laws. The Executive Committee may act for removal upon a two-thirds affirmative vote of the committee.

Section 3: In the event that the reason for member removal is protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) or cannot otherwise be shared with members (e.g., while an investigation is pending), the executive board, in consultation with the organization's advisor, may vote to temporarily suspend a member or executive officer.

Article IV – Organization Leadership

Section 1: Co-Presidents

- a) The 2 Co-Presidents shall lead the executive team and the organization in accomplishing its goals, including planning mobile health clinics, participating in advocacy projects, giving educational presentations, and all other activities pursued by the organization.

Section 2: Treasurer

- a) The Treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the organization, including managing funds, applying for grants, and pursuing fundraising events.

Section 3: Secretary

- a) The Secretary shall take primary lead on communication and organization for the group, such as sending emails, taking notes during meetings, and planning future events.

Section 5: Undergraduate Liaison and Education Coordinator

- a) The Undergraduate Liaison and Education Coordinator shall work with Heart for the Unhoused, an undergraduate organization at The Ohio State University, to assist with communication between the two groups when planning mobile clinics for the unhoused. They shall also plan educational sessions for undergraduate students interested in street medicine work.

Section 6: Supplies and Resources Coordinator

- a) The Supplies and Resources Coordinator shall procure supplies for free clinics and work within the community to obtain additional resources for the unhoused community.

Section 7: Medical Student Education Coordinator

- a) The Medical Student Education Coordinator shall plan educational and informational sessions for medical students regarding street medicine, including up to date research and best practices.

Section 8: Shadowing Coordinator

- a) The Shadowing Coordinator shall work with Mount Carmel Street Medicine to establish longitudinal shadowing experiences in street medicine for medical students.

Section 9: Clinic Liaison

- a) The Clinic Liaison shall work with the Columbus Free Clinic and other free clinics associated with The Ohio State University College of Medicine on establishing and maintaining a working relationship with Street Medicine at Ohio State and setting up follow-up for patients seen at mobile clinics.

Article V – Election / Selection of Organization Leadership

Section 1: Leadership selection shall be decided on by the outgoing primary leaders, the co-presidents, based on a written application sent to the College of Medicine students. This application shall be reviewed and new executive members selected and contacted. If necessary, interviews may be conducted.

Article VI – Executive Committee: Size and composition of the Committee.

Section 1: The executive committee is composed of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Undergraduate Liaison, Supplies and Resources Coordinator, Medical Student Education Coordinator, Shadowing Coordinator, and Columbus Free Clinic Liaison.

Article VII – Standing Committees: Names, purposes, and composition

Section 1: This organization does not have any standing committees.

Article VIII – Advisor(s) or Advisory Board: Qualification Criteria.

Section 1: The Advisor must be a faculty member or a member of the Administrative and Professional staff at The Ohio State University. If the advisor is not a faculty member, a co-advisor that follows the above guidelines shall assist the advisor.

Section 2: The advisor shall be given the following duties

- a) The advisor shall be an effective communicator, working especially closely with the president and other executive committee members.
- b) The advisor shall be willing to attend meetings if requested by the executive board.

- c) The advisor shall give guidance on the organization's goals and assist in the completion of them when needed.
- d) The advisor shall assist the executive board in the recruitment of guest speakers.

Article IX – Meetings and events of the Organization: Required meetings and their frequency.

Section 1: The executive committee shall meet once monthly. Executive members are required to be in attendance, and if a conflict arises must inform the co-presidents. The executive committee shall include the advisor in said meeting at least once per semester, and preferably every other month.

Section 2: General body meetings do not have any scheduled frequency and are open to all medical students. They are not required.

Section 3: Medical students who will be participating in on-site clinics shall attend one mandatory training meeting yearly.

Article X – Attendee Conduct.

Section 1: Attendees of events must conduct themselves in a responsible manner that reflects well on the organization and university. This includes being respectful of all students, faculty, staff, and property. Behavior that violates this organization's constitution, the Code of Student Conduct, university policy, or federal, state, or local law will result in disciplinary action determined by the Executive Committee. This discipline can result in removal from the event and expulsion from the organization.

Article XI – Method of Amending Constitution: Proposals, notice, and voting requirements.

Section 1: Amendments to this Constitution can be made by the discretion of the co-presidents. Approval for any amendment shall be motioned by one of the Executive Committee members and seconded by another. At this point, the amendment will go to a vote. A passing vote of two-thirds will ratify this amendment, and it shall be added to the Constitution in a timely manner. Organization members wishing to make an amendment shall present their amendment at an Executive Committee meeting, gaining two Executive Board members' approval for a vote to occur: once again needing two-thirds approval at this vote to pass. Members may veto any amendment with a three-quarters vote in opposition to the vote of the Executive Committee.

Article XII – Method of Dissolution of Organization

Section 1: Dissolution of the organization requires a unanimous vote by the executive board along with 80% of all active club members. Any remaining funds will be proportioned back out to the members who contributed to the fund pool. Any remaining merchandise may be

distributed however the executive board and remaining active members see fit. Upon the official dissolution of the organization, Student Activities staff will be contacted to remove organization information from their website.