SUBJECT: Scope of Medical Care

PURPOSE: Explain boundaries of medical care provided at Crandall Health Center.

POLICY:

Crandall Health Center at Alfred University practices within the scope of college health medicine practice during the academic year. Our goal is to promote optimum physical, emotional, intellectual and social well-being through education, preventive and ambulatory care for Alfred University Students. Students needing care that is long term or complex are referred to appropriate providers or agencies as warranted. Upon entrance to Alfred University, physical exam forms prepared by the student’s primary health care provider are reviewed. Students identified with long-term health-maintenance conditions, such as diabetes, may require referral locally or additional collaboration with the student’s primary health care provider.

ELECTIVE MEDICAL CARE

- Offer timely appointments for those having a medical concern.
- Diagnose and treat short term physical illnesses and minor injuries.
- Perform routine lab work per policy.
- Test and treat for sexually transmitted infections.
- Provide routine follow-ups for chronic diagnoses in collaboration with home primary health care provider.

URGENT CARE

Most illness and injury can best be cared for through a timely, scheduled appointment. We do offer add-on access for those with urgent problems that through the triage process it is deemed necessary that the student be seen quicker than a routine appointment. We are not, however, an emergency room; patients who need emergency medical care are transported to the hospital emergency room by ambulance as circumstances warrant.

PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

- Perform annual gynecological exams and pap tests and address routine gynecological concerns.
- Provide birth control and sexual risk reduction strategies for both female and male students.
- Administer vaccinations, allergy injections and other routine injections per policies.
- Perform simple physical examinations for school-related employment and internships.
- Provide basic travel health services for school-sponsored study abroad.

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MENTAL HEALTH

Mental health services are provided by a mental health nurse-practitioner weekly. This coverage shall include psychiatric evaluations, medication monitoring and other appropriate mental health out-patient services.

DISPENSARY

Crandall Health Center maintains a medicine dispensary, not a pharmacy. The dispensary is under the direction of the Pharmacy Director at St. James Mercy Health. Some prescriptions and maintenance medicines ordered by the provider may be filled per this service. Any pharmaceuticals not available on site and prescriptions written by private physicians may be purchased at a local pharmacy. Medications dispensed at Crandall Health Center may be billed to the Alfred University Student Account or paid for at time of service via cash, check or credit card.

OUR MEDICAL PROVIDERS

Our medical staff hold national and state credentials, meet continuing medical education requirements and fulfill credentialing requirements with the St. James Mercy Health System in Hornell, New York.

- **Physicians**
  Crandall Health doctors have received the doctor of medicine degree (M.D.) or Doctor of Osteopathy degree (D.O.). All our physicians have clinical practices in the community.

- **Nurse-Practitioners**
  Our Nurse-Practitioners (NP’s) have the knowledge base and clinical skills to provide a wide range of health care services; primarily specializing in prevention. Through their master’s degree educational programs and national accreditation in medicine our NP’s obtain the credentials to provide an expansive level of preventive college health care.

- **Registered Nurses**
  All our Registered Nurses (RN’s) have extensive clinical experience in a variety of medical fields. This knowledge base provides them the expertise to care for the wide range of college health concerns that Alfred University students may have.

GUIDELINES FOR COMPLEX CASES

If a student is seen more than 3 visits for the same unresolved diagnosis, the case may be reviewed by the Executive Committee – Clinical Care Review. It is that entity’s role to determine if continuation of medical care falls within Crandall Health Center’s Scope of Care. If the medical care is deemed to fall outside the realm of routine acute medical care, the Scope of Medical Care Protocol (2.02) will be implemented.

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