

Internet Use Policy

Internet Use at the University of Chicago Medical Center

The University of Chicago Medical Center (“UCMC”) offers Internet access to patients and their families at computer kiosks, as well as wireless Internet access for users with laptop computers in designated areas, as an informational, educational, and recreational resource. Due to the limited resources available, UCMC reserves the right to limit the amount of time a user can devote to a single session

User Responsibilities and Compliance with UCMC Policies

All users of the Internet must comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, including laws governing the transmission and dissemination of information while accessing the Internet, and with all UCMC policies and procedures. All users of the Internet are expected to use this resource in a responsible and courteous manner, respecting the rights of others, as well as UCMC and its equipment, for the purpose for which the access is intended

In particular, Users shall:

- Not use the Internet in a manner that is disruptive, harmful, or offensive to others such as by the access, display, transmission or download of sexually explicit images, documents, messages, cartoons, or by the use of ethnic slurs, racial epithets or anything that may be construed as harassment or disparagement of others;
- Respect the privacy of others by not misrepresenting oneself as another user; by not attempting to modify or gain access to files, passwords, or data belonging to others (“hacking”), and by not seeking disallowed access via the Internet;
- Not download any software from the Internet to UCMC computers, equipment or networks. (UCMC may also set limits on the use of large files of still or moving images).
- Not damage or alter the set up of the equipment used to access the Internet at UCMC;
- Not deliberately propagate computer worms or viruses or alter or damage software or data residing on the Internet;
- Not use the Internet for personal profit or gain or commercial activity such as the distribution of advertising; and
- Respect all copyright laws and licensing agreements pertaining to material obtained from the Internet.

Child Safety on the Internet

Parents or guardians are responsible for the Internet information selected and/or accessed by their children. Children who use the Internet unsupervised may be exposed to inappropriate or disturbing information and images. Parents or guardians should guide their children in the use of the Internet and inform them about materials that they should not use.

UCMC uses Internet filtering software to restrict access to web pages that transmit images or information that are obscene, pornographic or illegal. However, the software results in both “underblocking” and “overblocking.” As a result, UCMC cannot and does not guarantee that the filtering software will block all obscenity, child pornography or materials that are harmful to minors, and, as a result, affirms the responsibility of parents or guardians for their children’s use of the Internet.

Disclaimer

UCMC is not responsible for the content of the Internet and cannot guarantee that the information found is accurate, authoritative or factual. UCMC does not operate, control or endorse any information, products or services provided by third parties and is not responsible for the performance of third party web sites. The Internet is not a secure medium and third parties may be able to obtain information regarding users’ activities. UCMC is not responsible for the loss of any data due to service interruptions or for any commercial transactions in which a user engages while using the Internet. **Users access the Internet at their own risk.**

I acknowledge that I have read this policy and

_____ I agree to abide by its terms and conditions.

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