

What happens if my student is in an accident or is hospitalized while a student at Dordt?

Our goal is to inform you as parents if your student is being taken to the hospital for an accident or injury. When notified, Student Services team members go to the hospital and once there will ask your student to call you or obtain permission to call you (parents) on their behalf. We will do everything we can legally to keep you informed of your student's health situation.

As part of the "patient registration process", when care is initiated through an off-campus provider, students are asked to provide contact information for "next of kin" or individuals with whom healthcare personnel can share medical information with. In an emergency, when a student is not able to provide this information, the Student Services team will contact you.

For students with a Power of Attorney document (POA): The original, signed, POA document should be kept in a safe place, *at home*, where it is readily available to share with healthcare personnel in the event of an emergency. Providing your student with a copy to keep in their wallet, and/ or indicating on the back of an insurance card that there is a POA, may also be helpful.

Before bringing your student to campus, take time to talk with them about your insurance and the purpose and use of a POA (if applicable). Confirm that they have completed the "Release of Information" and "Emergency Contact Information" forms on their u.dordt.edu account. We also encourage you to provide your student with a copy of your health insurance card and instruct them to keep it in their wallet.