

Attention Dunedin (and surrounds) Practices

Kia ora koutou,

As we advised some weeks ago, the dates when 4th year Medical Students will have scheduled placement time with GPs in 2024 are as follows:

- Group One: 26/02 – 22/03/24
- Group Two: 29/04 – 24/05/24
- Group Three: 15/07 – 16/08/24
- Group Four: 16/09 – 11/10/24

Further to this information the following is our tentative plan for days/times when students would be available to be on placement within those time periods:

- Monday afternoons
- Tuesday mornings
- All day Wednesdays
- All day Fridays

We would like students to spend around 16 half-day sessions (or equivalent) on placement and could afford to fund up to 20 sessions. But we would also like to involve as many practices as possible in the education of our students, **even if their involvement is only at the level of a small number of sessions.**

We would also like to encourage practices to have students spend time with a range of practitioners such as HIPs, Practice Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, HCAs etc as well as more than one doctor when that is an option.

Where students are available for the whole day it will be up to GPs/Practices to determine whether they want to have someone for a whole day at a time. Similarly, practices may choose to bunch placement sessions up as they wish. How this is all configured within the times available will be up to each practice. Students will be expected to complete some other learning tasks when not on placement.

For those who prefer information in more visual form, our request form would look something like this:

Mon 26 Feb	Tues 27 Feb	Wed 28 Feb	Thurs 29 Feb	Fri 1 March
	Morning	Morning		Morning
Afternoon		Afternoon		Afternoon
Mon 4 March	Tues 5 March	Wed 6 March	Thurs 7 March	Fri 8 March
	Morning	Morning		Morning
Afternoon		Afternoon		Afternoon
Mon 11 March	Tues 12 March	Wed 13 March	Thurs 14 March	Fri 15 March
	Morning	Morning		Morning
Afternoon		Afternoon		Afternoon
Mon 18 March	Tues 19 March	Wed 20 March	Thurs 21 March	Fri 22 March
	Morning	Morning		Morning
Afternoon		Afternoon		Afternoon

Notes

*The Tuesday afternoon teaching session in our Dept will be timed to start at 2pm.

*On one Wednesday afternoon (of the first three) students may have to attend a cervical smear-taking training session in the Women's Health Dept, but we will endeavour to schedule these to minimise disruption to placement time.

*There will be **no** conflicts arising with the Pregnancy Long Case or ENT Clinics and tutorials as has often been the case up until now.

Feedback

If you have any feedback to offer us about how these plans could be improved, **please do let us know**. For example, if several GPs came back to us and suggested Monday morning instead of Monday afternoon would work better for them, we would be able to modify this. Thursday afternoon (from 1.30pm) is the only time we cannot make available due to other commitments the whole class will always have at that time.

We will be in touch again in due course with a draft of the Evaluation form we will need completed for each student. Our intention is to amend this to make it less onerous to complete.

With many thanks for your invaluable support of our programme.

Ngā manaakitanga,

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