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GUIDE TO YEAR 4 HOSPITAL ATTACHMENTS



Year 4 involves the first clinical attachments for students. This year is dedicated to enabling students to develop essential clinical skills as the foundation of their learning career.

Students are expected to immerse themselves in the activities of the clinical environment

Clinical placements should provide an environment for students to build on the fundamentals of teamwork, communication, **history taking and examination** while also acquiring basic **procedural skill** competencies

A successful placement is likely to be facilitated by:

1. Students feeling welcomed – orientation, greeting, being included in daily working practice
2. Students feeling valuable – inter-disciplinary work, patient interactions, procedural skills

We are extremely grateful for your efforts to foster such cultures on placement

What Year 4's need to achieve during medicine placements

- Full assessment and write up for an acute hospital admission
- Focused history of a hospital in-patient
- Cardiovascular, respiratory, gastroenterological and neurological examinations
- Present history and examination findings to another member of the clinical team
- Explain diagnosis, investigations and management to a patient
- Understand the role of different members of the multidisciplinary team
- Practical Skills
 - A to E assessment in an unwell patient
 - 12 lead ECG
 - Intravenous cannulation
 - Venepuncture
 - Oxygen administration
 - Capillary blood sugar measurement
 - Urinalysis
 - Record vital signs and complete a NEWS