ADMISSION TO THE MEDICINE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME AY2020-2021

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Besides the conditions indicated in the offer letter, admission to Medicine is also subject to the following health requirements. These additional requirements are mandated by the Ministry of Health (MOH) and apply to all healthcare workers, inclusive of medical students.

1) Mumps, Measles and Rubella

All prospective medical/nursing students should be immune (from documented infection) or fully vaccinated. Candidates should produce official records of previous vaccinations or serological screening results or physician documented diagnoses of previous infection as proof of immunity. Self-declaration of previous infection is not sufficient.

Students may begin classes without documentary evidence of immunization for MMR if he/she has a letter from a physician stating that there is a reason why he/she cannot receive the vaccine.

2) Varicella (Chickenpox)

All students should be immune or vaccinated. Students should either be screened for immunity, or produce official records of previous vaccinations as proof of immunity. Self-declaration is only acceptable if the history of varicella was based on physician diagnosis. When past history of varicella is uncertain, a serology test should be carried out to confirm immunity against varicella.

Students may begin classes without documentary evidence of immunization for Chickenpox if:
   i. He/she has a letter from a physician stating that there is a reason why he/she cannot receive the vaccine;
   ii. He/she concerned has documented evidence of two administrations of the varicella vaccine (non-responders).

3) Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis

All prospective medical/nursing students should receive tetanus toxoid, reduced diphtheria toxoid and acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccination, if they have not previously received the Tdap vaccination.

Students who have previously received Tdap vaccination should receive a booster dose of Td every 10 years. If Td is unavailable, it may be replaced with Tdap.

Those who have not previously received tetanus toxoid, reduced diphtheria toxoid and acellular pertussis (Tdap) should be vaccinated with a single dose of Tdap, regardless of the interval since the last dose of tetanus or diphtheria-containing vaccine.

Documented proof of vaccination with Tdap or Td in the last 10 years would be acceptable as evidence of immunity. Self-declaration is not considered as proof of immunity.

4) Blood Borne Diseases (BBD)

- Hepatitis B

   All prospective medical/nursing students should be screened for Hepatitis B carriage. Hepatitis B negative students who do not have documented serological evidence of immunity against Hepatitis B (i.e. anti-HBs ≥ 10 mIU/mL) must be vaccinated with the primary course series (i.e. 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine). A post-
vaccination serology test should be conducted to determine the concentration of protective antibodies i.e. anti-HBs of at least 10mIU/mL, one month after the last Hepatitis B injection.

- **Hepatitis C**
  
  All prospective medical/nursing students should be screened for Hepatitis C.

- **HIV**
  
  All prospective medical/nursing students should be screened for HIV.

Students enrolled in courses that might require them to perform or assist in EPPs must be screened. Screening should be carried out before final admission into the course, as results may affect students’ career choices. Students tested positive for Hep B, Hep C and/or HIV will be counselled to understand that their areas of practice will be restricted to non-exposure prone procedure areas.

All candidates may have their screenings and immunisations done at the University Health Centre (UHC) Level 1, 20 Lower Kent Ridge Road, Singapore 119080. The deadlines by which the screening and immunisation must be completed are set out in the table below.

In light of COVID-19 and current Circuit Breaker measures, please note that:

1. UHC will suspend all non-essential medical services from 7/4/2020 through 1/6/2020.
2. Appointments for pre-admission medical screenings will be delayed. Please check UHC’s website (http://www.nus.edu.sg/uhc) or for regular updates.
3. All visitors to UHC will need to wear their own mask.
## Table 1: Screenings and Vaccinations Deadline

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<td>Mumps Measles Rubella (MMR)</td>
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<td>• 2 doses; minimum interval of at least 4 weeks apart • Students who have only received one dose of MMR during childhood should be vaccinated with second dose of MMR</td>
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<td>Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis</td>
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<td>• 1 dose of Tdap, if students have not previously received it, followed by Td/Tdap booster once every 10 years • If students have previously received 1 dose of Tdap, Td/Tdap booster is recommended once every 10 years</td>
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<td>• Primary vaccination consists of 3 doses over 6 months or a single booster dose</td>
<td>To submit proof of first injection by 13 July 2020 To complete by 28 February 2021 (Anti-HBs testing) within 1-2 months after completion of the primary 3-dose vaccination series or single booster dose</td>
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Students are to commence submissions of the screenings and vaccination records for each of the above health requirements at the University Health Centre (UHC) by the stipulated deadlines. Students who do not comply with this requirement will not be allowed to attend lessons in hospitals.

For enquiries, students may contact UHC at 6601 5035 or email uhc_health@nus.edu.sg. For more information about UHC, students may visit the UHC website at http://www.nus.edu.sg/uhc.

The above Health Requirements are subject to change. All updates will be available on our Corporate Website at https://medicine.nus.edu.sg/admissions/health-requirements/.
Candidates admitted to the Medical course at the National University of Singapore and who are not in receipt of PSC / MINDEF scholarships / bursaries, are required to serve the Government of Singapore upon successful completion of the course for a number of years as stated in the following table:

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Those awarded PSC/MINDEF scholarships/bursaries will be bonded according to the terms of their respective awards.

Students are required to sign agreements with the Government to serve the bond periods as specified. Your acceptance of the offer of admission to the MBBS undergraduate degree course is conditional upon your signing the agreements with the relevant authority in the year of entry to the University.

Students who fail to fulfil the bond obligations will be required to pay liquidated damages (LD). The amount of liquidated damages is computed based on the subsidy granted and disbursed by the Government to the student, with application of compound interest, and pro-rated by the number of completed months of service. Failure to obtain the MBBS or to complete the MBBS undergraduate degree course within the time stipulated by NUS would also be considered a breach of the provisions of the Agreement.

Please note that candidates are required to sign the agreement only in the year that they are matriculating in NUS.

To sign the bond, two persons are required to stand as your sureties. They should:

a) Be above 21 years of age and preferably under 65 years of age;

b) Not be in bankruptcy;

c) Either be:

   i) Able to provide proof of financial means to pay the scholarship liabilities should these become due, viz. banker’s guarantee or proof of ownership of assets*;

   Or is

   i) Gainfully employed and drawing an income of at least S$1,000 per month

   ii) Not party to an existing bond, scholarship or bursary; and

   iii) Not bonded for an existing scholarship, bursary or study loan agreement.

Note: * The asset(s) must be owned by the surety (not mortgaged) and the purchase value of the asset(s) must not be less than the quantum of liquidated damages.

For Singaporeans/Singapore Permanent Resident students, the first surety should be a Singapore Citizen. The second surety can be a Singapore Citizen or Singapore Permanent Resident. Sureties for international students may be non-citizens if they are parents of these students. Otherwise, each surety must either be a Singapore Citizen or Singapore Permanent Resident.

If you need further information, please visit the Ministry of Health website at http://www.moh.gov.sg/content/moh_web/healthprofessionalsportal/allhealthcareprofessionals/career_practice/medical_dental_undergraduate_agreement.html or contact the Ministry of Health at Tel: 6325 9104.
**WHITE COAT CEREMONY**

The White Coat Ceremony is organised to formally induct the incoming students into the medical fraternity. The White Coat is recognised as a symbol of the medical profession, and the donning of the White Coat has been widely adopted as a rite of passage into medical schools all over the world. This traditional robing ceremony was first initiated by the School in 2008.

In a symbolic gesture, white coats will be donned upon the students, by distinguished educators to welcome them into the community, and to serve as a reminder of the highest level of professional conduct and ethics required of a doctor at all times. This solemn event will be held in August, with more details to follow in July 2020.

Prior to the White Coat Ceremony, the Dean will be hosting a welcome dinner for the students. This event is tentatively scheduled to be held at the last week of July, subjected to the COVID-19 situation. More details will be provided at a later date.

**DISRUPTION FROM FULL-TIME NATIONAL SERVICE (NS) FOR MEDICAL STUDIES AT NUS**

Only selected full-time National Servicemen (NSFs) who are deemed suitable to serve as doctors in the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF), Singapore Police Force (SPF), or Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF) during their full-time NS will be eligible for disruption to pursue undergraduate medical studies. The Local Medical Disruption Scheme (LMDS) applies only to servicemen who are selected for undergraduate medical studies locally. It is not applicable to servicemen who wish to pursue medical studies overseas.

From those who have secured places to study undergraduate medicine in NUS, a number of servicemen will be selected for disruption under this scheme. This number is based on manpower and operational requirements of the Singapore Armed Forces for NSF Medical Officers (MOs). Hence, not all servicemen who have secured places in NUS will be disrupted under this scheme. Servicemen who have qualified for undergraduate medical studies in NUS are not required to apply for disruption under this scheme as they will automatically be considered for selection.

Selection for disruption from full-time NS will be based on the following criteria:

a) Good military performance/conduct, with no adverse disciplinary records during their full-time NS up to the point of disruption.

b) Medically and physically fit to undergo rigorous training to assume the duties as Medical Officers in a military environment.

c) At the point of disruption, candidates should have successfully completed their Basic Military Training.

d) Servicemen should have at least 12 months of full-time NS service balance to serve as a medical officer (including the time required to attend the Medical Officer Cadet Course but not including the time to attend Basic Military Training) upon re-enlistment. Those without the minimum full-time NS service balance will be requested to agree to a voluntary extension of service as a condition for disruption.

NSFs who are disrupted under the LMDS must meet the following training requirements:

a) Non-specialist Track: Serve 6 to 12 months of Medical Officer posting in hospitals under the Ministry of Health after their housemanship**OR**

b) Specialist Track: Complete two years of Residency/postgraduate training after their graduation from NUS, before they are re-enlisted to serve out their remaining full-time NS commitment as MOs in one continuous period, **AND**

c) Undergo at least 3 months of clinical postings in Emergency Medicine and/or Anaesthesiology prior to their re-enlistment, **AND**
d) Serve 12 months or the remainder of their NS commitment, whichever is longer, as an MO upon re-enlistment.

Servicemen selected for disruption are to indicate acceptance of the above conditions before they are disrupted. Those selected for disruption and agree to the terms and conditions of the LMDS, should complete registration formalities in late July 2020 subject to fulfilling all the conditions of admission. Please do not contact the University regarding disruption from national service.

Servicemen who have secured places in the School of Medicine but who do not wish to be considered for disruption under this scheme must indicate their decision through email to the MINDEF/SAF Human Resource Shared Services Centre (HRSSC) at the following:

Email: hrsscdis@defence.gov.sg

Those not granted disruption will be required to serve out their active and reserve service in the vocations they were assigned to as NSFs as in the case of all other NSFs offered other courses in the university. Those not disrupted under the Local Medical Disruption Scheme, will have their places to study undergraduate medicine at NUS reserved until completion of full-time NS, subject to the conditions of admission set out.

**NUS YONG LOO LIN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE CODE OF CONDUCT**

The NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine Code of Conduct outlines the underlying principles and behaviour expected of students of the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine. Upon formal admission to the School, it is important that you understand and accept your obligations under this Code.

Please sign the Code of Conduct in the presence of a witness (signature required) and email the signed copy to medstudentaffairs@nuhs.edu.sg by 15 June 2020.

Should you have any queries regarding the Code of Conduct, please email your enquiries to medstudentaffairs@nuhs.edu.sg.

*The above information is accurate as at 10 June 2020.*
The Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine aspires to prepare students to meet or exceed the standards of professional conduct expected of medical professionals, at graduation. The School also seeks to create an academic environment that helps students learn effectively at each stage of their undergraduate career.

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General Conduct as an Undergraduate

The University expects students to conduct themselves responsibly, to treat others with respect, courtesy and consideration, and to respect the rule of law and the rights of others, both within and outside the University.

The NUS Code of Student Conduct (http://www.nus.edu.sg/osa/resources/code-of-student-conduct) is intended to guide students’ conduct in both the academic and non-academic aspects of their University life, and is based on the following principles:

(a) Academic, professional and personal integrity
(b) Respect for people
(c) Respect for and compliance with the law and with campus policies and regulations
(d) Responsibility towards maintaining the campus as a place conducive for learning and living

The Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine expects that all medical students will comply with the NUS Code of Student Conduct, and uphold these principles in the context of the medical curriculum and all programmes organized to support their learning.

The School takes a serious view of academic dishonesty of any form, including cheating, plagiarism or fabrication, and expects students to maintain the highest standards of academic integrity.

Conduct as a Medical Student

As a student at the NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, you are a doctor-in-training. This role confers a responsibility to adhere to the prescribed standards of professional and ethical behaviour and practice. We also expect that you will demonstrate honesty and integrity, personal responsibility and participate fully, respect and sensitivity, compassion and empathy, when engaging with patients, their families and colleagues, teachers and other members of the medical community, throughout the course of your training.

As a medical student, you should:

• Maintain the highest standards of moral integrity and intellectual honesty.
• Endeavour to ensure that patients suffer no harm.
• Treat patients without prejudice with respect to their age, gender, race, religion, lifestyle, culture, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, marital or parental status, creed, social standing, disability or financial status.
• Treat all patients and their relatives, fellow students, academic, clinical and support staff with respect, honesty, dignity and consideration.
• Ensure your relationships with patients and their relatives are kept professional.
• Always seek advice or permission from the relevant authority regarding matters related to patient management, and before performing clinical procedures.
• Abide by all laws and regulations governing medical practice in Singapore.
• Maintain appropriate standards of dress, appearance and personal hygiene so as not to compromise safety, trust or cause offence to patients, teachers or fellow students.
• Observe all regulations related to safe, responsible and professional behavior specific to the wards, clinics and operating theatres, laboratories and other learning facilities in the School and in the Healthcare Institutions you are posted to.
• Practise responsible social media behaviour that does not breach patient data confidentiality, risk or result in reputational damage to the School, or deliberately provoke, offend, or harass any parties.

Further details can be found in Appendix D, E and F of the Medical Student Handbook which should be read in conjunction with this document (Entrada > Dashboard > Quick Links > Student Handbook 1819).
Handling of Confidential and Sensitive Data

All patient data from Electronic Medical Record (EMR), National Electronic Health Record (NEHR) and/or any other healthcare institution database systems are considered confidential and sensitive. To ensure adherence to the law and in recognition of the privilege extended to you by the relevant authorities permitting engagement with hospitals and clinics, it is important to adhere to the following guidelines:

- Comments about patients, working arrangements and other professional matters must not be communicated to the media. If there is a need for you to communicate with the media, do submit your comments to the Dean’s Office and/or the relevant hospital authority for prior approval.
- Refrain from open and indiscriminate discussion of personal and clinical details in the presence of other patients and visitors and in situations where you could possibly be overheard.
- Always ensure that all information gathered during home interviews or surveys is kept in strict confidence.
- Never disclose sensitive medical information to patients, relatives or any person or agency outside the hospitals and clinics, without first going through the relevant authority or doctor in charge.
- Refrain from making notes of any information with patient or personal identifiers (e.g., name, NRIC or equivalent). Also avoid transferring or storing such data in your personal electronic or storage devices (e.g., thumb drive, laptop).
- Seek approval from the relevant authority to make case notes, use only initials in your case notes and ensure that they are properly secured.
- Always encrypt your digital storage devices and documents with a secure password.
- Comply with all data protection guidelines set by the hospitals and clinics you are posted to. Failure to do so may result in your being barred from the hospitals and clinics.

Handling of Health Issues that Impact Fitness to Study Medicine

If you are aware that you are suffering from a condition that might render you unfit to continue as a medical student, then appropriate treatment should be sought.

It is your responsibility to disclose to the School the diagnosis of any medical condition that may render you unfit to continue in the medical course, either because you have a serious condition which you could transmit to patients, or have a condition which would significantly impair your professional competence. These conditions include, among others, alcohol abuse and drug addiction.

It is also your responsibility to protect patients from the risk of potential harm posed by another student’s conduct, performance or health. This responsibility includes informing the School if you have grounds to believe that another student may be putting patients at risk, or that there may be cause for concern about the student’s fitness to continue in the medical course.

Disciplinary procedures and penalties

Any breach of the Code of Conduct will warrant an investigation and/or disciplinary proceedings by the School, with the possibility of subsequent referral to the NUS Board of Discipline. Depending on the nature of the offence, the Ministry of Health and/or Singapore Medical Council may also be involved.

Penalties may include: insertion of a letter of reprimand into the student’s academic record, barring from examinations, term ination of scholarships, suspension of academic privileges, suspension of access to electronic health records critical to student learning, suspension or expulsion from the University.

Acceptance

I have read, understood and agree to comply at all times with the NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine Code of Conduct. I understand that a breach may result in disciplinary proceedings, which may lead to penalties including suspension or expulsion from the University.

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