



GENERAL PRACTICE ATTACHMENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Aims of the attachment:

By the end of this attachment, you will have gained experience in primary care, enabling you to develop advanced consultation and clinical assessment skills, manage undifferentiated and chronic presentations, and understand the GP's central role within multidisciplinary and community healthcare. Through supervised clinical encounters, you will strengthen your communication, professionalism, and confidence in managing risk and uncertainty, while gaining insight into practice organisation, preventative health, and the holistic, person-centred nature of general practice.

Intended Learning Outcomes for the attachment:

Professional skills:

By the end of your attachment, you should be able to:

- **Effective Communication:** Apply active listening, empathy, and shared decision-making with patients.
- **Comprehensive Assessments:** Demonstrate thorough patient assessments, including focused history, appropriate examination, and targeted diagnostic tests.
- **Primary Care Conditions:** Perform assessment, diagnosis, and management of common conditions encountered in General Practice.
- **Complex Needs:** Formulate management proposals considering patient preferences, social needs, multiple morbidities, polypharmacy, frailty, and long-term conditions.
- **Ethical Behaviour:** Describe ethical and professional principles in patient care.
- **Team Collaboration:** Demonstrate effective collaboration with the multidisciplinary team to provide comprehensive patient care.

Professional values and behaviours:

By the end of your attachment, you should be able to:

- **Self-Assessment:** Reflect on clinical experiences to continually improve clinical skills and patient care.
- **Patient-Centred Care:** Demonstrate empathy and shared decision-making with patients.
- **Professionalism:** Demonstrate behaviours in keeping with ethical and professional principles.
- **Commitment to Equity:** Provide equitable care by recognising and addressing disparities in healthcare access and outcomes.

Professional knowledge:

By the end of your attachment, you should be able to:

- **Evidence-Based Practice:** Implement current medical literature and guidelines into clinical decision-making.
- **Managing Uncertainty:** Describe uncertainty in diagnosis and treatment success/failure, and the consequences of over-diagnosis and over-treatment.
- **Continuity of Care:** Explain the principles of continuity of care, including managing follow-ups, maintaining accurate patient records, and coordinating with other healthcare providers.
- **Preventive Healthcare:** Describe and promote preventive healthcare strategies.
- **Role of Primary Care:** Explain the role of primary care in the broader healthcare system.
- **Equitable Care:** Describe disparities in healthcare access and outcomes to provide equitable care.
- **Intercultural Competence:** Explain the importance of intercultural competence and patient diversity in providing holistic care.
- **Legal Obligations:** Apply ethical principles and legal obligations relevant to patient care, including informed consent, confidentiality, and end-of-life issues.