

The Student Agreement defines the standards of professional behaviour and attitude expected from all MBChB students at the University of Glasgow. These are behaviours and attitudes that you will be helped and encouraged to develop while you are a student and which you will take with you into medical practice. The Agreement is signed by all students entering the Medical School and will be referred to throughout the MBChB programme. It informs the deliberations of the School of Medicine Fitness to Practise Panel.

It should be read in conjunction with the following GMC publications:

- Achieving good medical practice
- Professional Behaviour and Fitness to Practise: guidance for medical schools and their students
<https://www.gmc-uk.org/education/standards-guidance-and-curricula/guidance/student-professionalism-and-ftp>

A signed Student Agreement is required before any student can attend clinical visits or Anatomy.

1. I will make the care and safety of patients my primary concern. I will treat all patients with care, politeness, and consideration regardless of their lifestyle, culture, beliefs, race, colour, gender, sexuality, age, educational background, social status or perceived economic worth nor will I allow my personal views about a person's appearance, lifestyle, culture, beliefs, race, gender, sexuality, age, social status, or perceived economic worth to prejudice my interaction with patients, teachers or colleagues.
2. I will respect the dignity and privacy of patients and relatives. I will learn to communicate with them effectively, will always make it clear to patients that I am a student and not a qualified doctor and will respect the right of patients not to take part in teaching. I will not recommend treatment or suggest patients take any action that might be interpreted as medical advice. I will always seek the appropriate permission and consent for my activities.
3. I will at all times respect and protect confidential information and will not discuss patients with other students or professionals outside the clinical setting, except anonymously. When using clinical data for audit or research purposes or when discussing cases with professional colleagues outside the clinical setting I will ensure it is non-identifiable and secure. I will respect all hospital and practice patient records.
4. I will recognise and act within the limits of my competence; develop, practise, and maintain my skills and knowledge to the best of my ability, consistently ensuring they are up-to-date.
5. I understand that I may be allocated peripheral attachments throughout my undergraduate career and will attend as required. I will complete the relevant disclosure or health checks prior to attending clinical teaching placements.
6. I am willing to take a history and physically examine patients (which includes touching) in order to establish a clinical diagnosis irrespective of the gender, race, sexuality, culture, beliefs, disability or disease of the patient.

7. I will maintain appropriate standards of dress, appearance and personal hygiene so as not to offend or distress peers, patients or staff.
8. I will adhere to particular dress codes in clinical settings (including teaching and examinations), where patient safety and infection risk are paramount. Furthermore, I will set aside personal preferences about dress if this hinders communication with patients, peers and staff.
9. I will communicate in a professional, appropriate and timely manner with fellow students and members of NHS and University staff.
10. I am aware that my responsibility to communicate professionally extends to digital media. I will not post images or text online which may cause concern or distress to any individual, in keeping with the personal attributes expected of a medical student or doctor. I will not access social media through NHS resources while on placement.
11. I am aware that all of the lectures made available in video format should not be downloaded, edited, amended or re-used and to do so will be in breach of Copyright restrictions.
12. I consent to the use of audio-visual recording during vocational studies sessions, communications skills, clinical skills and simulation teaching at the Wolfson Medical School Building and in other clinical skills facilities and I agree to maintain the strictest of confidence during simulation. I agree that no recorded material shall be downloaded or removed from any facility. I understand that data recorded will only be used for self/peer review and assessment purposes and stored/destroyed in line with GDPR guidance.
13. I will not use alcohol, drugs or other substances to the detriment of my conduct, attendance, punctuality and safety (including the safety of others).
14. I will inform the Medical School if there is any significant health or other issue that might affect my ability to perform duties expected of a student or a doctor or may impair my fitness to practise.
15. I undertake to report to the Head of the Medical School (and, if necessary, the appropriate Hospital Sub-Dean or senior member of staff) any action by students or staff which may put patients/clients/students/service users at risk. I recognise that acting in this way is my appropriate professional responsibility.
16. I will attend all MBChB sessions as required by MBChB regulations and follow absence procedures if I am unable to attend. I will not swap sessions unless agreed by the Year Director.
17. I understand that if my attendance falls below a level deemed acceptable by the Undergraduate Medical School, I will be invited to attend a review meeting with the Year Director, and if I continue to have unauthorised absences this may result in my being recorded Credit Refused, and outwith University Regulations for progression to further study. (See Paragraph 6.3 of MBChB Regulations - <https://www.gla.ac.uk/myglasgow/apg/policies/uniregs/regulations2024-25/mvls/mbchb/>)

18. I will not allow other students to sign registers on my behalf.
19. I will notify the Medical School (Administrator or Year Director) promptly of any previous, current or change to my health or circumstances that could impact on my ability to fulfill my professional or academic responsibilities and/or fitness to practice.
20. I will notify the Medical School (Administrator or Year Director) promptly of any concerns that have been raised (previously or currently) in relation to conduct or fitness to practise. This includes previous periods of study, employment and any incident dealt with by the police.
21. I am aware of the support structures in place and will contact the appropriate individuals to obtain support for any issues that could impact on my studies or fitness to practise. If I am unsure of the support available, I will contact my Adviser, Medical School Administrator or Year Director.
22. I understand that in the interests of public safety, in accordance with Outcomes for Graduates, and in my own best interests, information regarding my educational achievements and my fitness to practice may be shared by the University of Glasgow Undergraduate Medical School with training providers, employers, regulatory organisations and other Medical Schools.
23. I confirm that I have read and understood the Rules & Regulations document for the Anatomy Facility and that breach of regulation may result in disciplinary procedures. I also confirm that if any of the restrictions applies to me and/or if I have any concerns about my ability to adhere to any aspect of these rules, I will discuss this with the Anatomy staff member responsible for Y1 teaching (currently Dr Claire Fitton) as a matter of urgency. Finally, I consent the University of Glasgow to store and process my personal data in relation to this matter.
24. I understand that the University will share details of final year students and successful graduates with the GMC in order to facilitate and verify their application for GMC membership. This may include information on Fitness to Practice cases, where applicable, to enable those students to apply for registration earlier, as well as termination of studies cases to enable appropriate investigation should a future application be made. Where such cases may involve special category data, this will be shared in accordance with GDPR Article 9(2)(g) as processing necessary in the substantial public interest.

I agree to adhere to the statements above for the duration of my undergraduate studies. I understand that it is my responsibility to notify med-sch-welfare@glasgow.ac.uk immediately of any changes to circumstances at any time during my undergraduate studies that may affect my ability to adhere to the statements above.

If you would like this document in a different format, please contact med-sch-welfare@glasgow.ac.uk.