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Welcome to the latest
2019 Y4MR installment

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Now that we're into Block 7 you've nearly finished all the specialty placements in Year 4. I hope you've learned lots and have enjoyed being exposed to this broad range of clinical topics. As we draw to the end of the rotation its time to check a few things:

Are you up to date with your skills?

Are you ready for assessments?

Are you ready for your elective?

Skills Update

You will remember that in order to complete the year satisfactorily you need to have completed all of your UPSAs and Prescribing and Medicine Safety (PMS) skills by the end of Block 8.

At this point in the semester please take the time to check your dashboard ensuring that you are on track to demonstrate competence in these important skills and have the eforms submitted. Now's the time to formulate a plan to get everything signed off.

Assessment

Following on from the Year 4 board of examiners we wanted to share some of the winter OSCE results with you. Reviewing station scores the internal consistency was high with no outlier stations using Cronbach's alpha. This means that station scores correlated well with each other and indicates good reliability. Our external examiner praised the smooth running of the OSCE and the pre OSCE quality assurance process (blueprinting scrutiny, emendation) and post OSCE analysis.

The pass marks for both OSCE A and OSCE B were similar to that of previous years. There were more Distinctions and Honours grades awarded than in previous years, so particular congratulations to everyone who achieved this.

Many of you will have started preparation for your next OSCE. It might be helpful to review the OSCE tips we included in the Oct Y4MR. Please remember that the best way to prepare for OSCEs is to get involved in the clinical environment when on placement. Don't forget to make sure you are confident with all the core and procedural skills and remember to use the Y4 iBook.

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Elective Reminder

A reminder that the deadline for your elective placement approval forms to be submitted via MyPlacement is Friday 22nd March 2019. For more information about the application process please visit the elective pages on OneMedInfo:

<https://www.onemedinfo.manchester.ac.uk/blog/infoobjects/elective-application-information-year-4/?section=8706&topic=6639&acyear=2018-2019>

The HIV/PEP seminar date for students going to a country with high HIV prevalence on elective has now been finalised as the Friday 24th May 2019. For more information and to sign-up please visit the below link or look under available sign-ups on your timetable.

<https://www.medlea.manchester.ac.uk/TimeTable/EditSingleEvent.aspx?eventId=2792529&back=26796611>

Kind regards,

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Tips from Pip...

Where on earth do I find out about....?

A couple of conversations with students recently have made me realise that not everyone knows where to find all of the wonderful stuff that staff have written to support you. Or even that we have written it to support you! So I thought it would be worthwhile putting a couple of sentences in here pointing you at some of the best bits:

Have a concern whilst on placement about something you have seen? - be it relating to patient care or to the delivery of your education... If you don't know who to talk to about it, you can find guidance on OneMedInfo – just type “concerns” into the search box.

Looking for advice re finances? Type “finance” into the search box on OneMedInfo for medic specific advice, or look at all the great stuff that is available on the University site that covers lots of worries not just money issues.

<http://www.studentsupport.manchester.ac.uk/>

Planning ahead to job applications and your career beyond medical school? – Oh, there is a page for that too! Type “careers” into the search box on OneMedInfo, or “Foundation Programme” or “SJT” or “non-clinical” or “working overseas” or...

Want to help yourself de-stress and wondering where to find some self-help resources for that:

www.counsellingservice.manchester.ac.uk/self-help/

Easy when you know how!

Sorry – granny and eggs and all that, but this is just in case you don't know where to start looking.

Regards,

Pip

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Salford Update

Dear Students,

Welcome to Block 7! On the home straight now...

We have been monitoring your UPSAs and Prescribing Skills as these mandatory exercises may impact upon progression. Most of you are on track, so well done. We will be sending reminders to those of you who have fallen behind. Please take this opportunity to formulate an action plan as to how you will address this sooner rather than later.

Please do let us know of any issues or concerns from previous Blocks - you know where we are!

BW,

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