

Year 4 Must Read

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Welcome to the second
Y4MR installment

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In this edition we want to update you on some of the critical information for planning electives.

We also have updates on eforms and some further information for you from your Sector team

Electives

Your elective is a chance to see, and participate in, the practice of medicine in an unfamiliar setting, particularly where scientific, social, economic or cultural standards are diverse. We've collated some vital information for your elective on page 2. On page 4 we have a selection of top tips from some of our previous Y4 students... they've also kindly provided some photos to help inspire you.

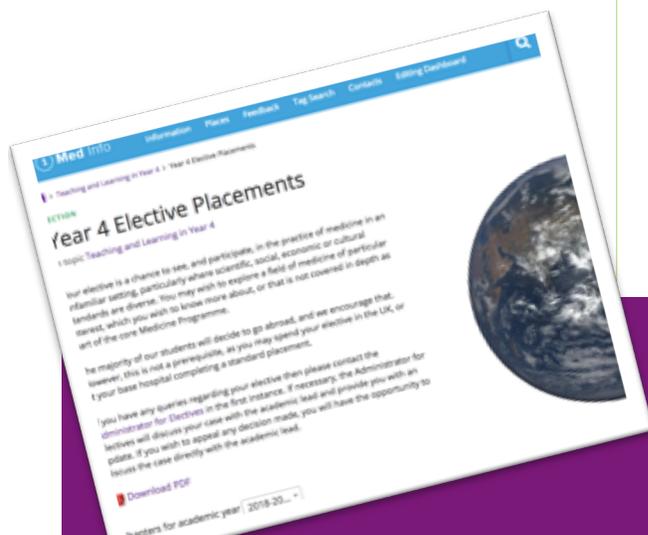
The majority of our students will decide to go abroad, and we encourage that. However, this is not a prerequisite, as you may spend your elective in the UK, or at your base hospital completing a standard placement.

Whatever you decide to do we really hope you find it a valuable and memorable part of the course.

Questions?

Don't forget to check IMedInfo for all the details on planning and managing your elective

Contact year4mbchb@manchester.ac.uk for queries





Information for your Elective plans:

The initial deadline for elective applications is the **21st February 2020** and we advise students to submit their application for approval on the MyPlacement system by this date. Even if parts of the elective are still awaiting confirmation you can still submit an application on the system for review. If you are unable to complete an application by this date then you will still be able to submit up until the final deadline of the 24th April 2020. Please note that all applications submitted by the 21st February 2020 will be processed and students contacted within a month. After the deadline we cannot guarantee that we will respond within the month with a decision on your application. To apply for approval for your elective placement use this link:

http://studentmobility.manchester.ac.uk/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&Program_ID=10746

By the deadline you need to have completed the:

- UNIV: Self-Arranged Work Placement Application Form (including the UNIV: Risk Profile Assessment for Work Placements)
- MEDN: Illness and Disease Assessment
- MEDN: Indemnity Insurance Details
- MEDN: Educational Case

If you cannot make this deadline you must contact the Electives Administrator on: year4mbchb@manchester.ac.uk before the deadline. You should complete the MyPlacement forms even if you are undertaking a local elective placement at a base hospital site

Should you wish to undertake your elective in the community at a CBME-approved practice, there is funding available for the practice. Please check this link for a list of approved practices:

<https://www.onemedbuzz.manchester.ac.uk/placements>

In the first instance, please contact the Years 3-5 Administrator in CBME (years3-5cbme@manchester.ac.uk) to notify them which practice you wish to approach. Please do not contact the practice directly until the CBME Administrator has been able to consider other students from all years of the programme who may be on placement at the time you wish to go

<https://www.onemedinfo.manchester.ac.uk/blog/sections/year-4-elective-placements/?topic=6639&acyear=2019-2020>

eForm & iPad Update



Hopefully you are all getting the hang of using eForms to populate your logbooks in Year 4. The logbook allows you to keep track of your clinical experiences and what you've learnt in placement. In addition it allows supervisors to look at what you've achieved when signing off your placement

Mandatory Teaching and Learning Forms

In order to register your attendance at all Mandatory Teaching Events in Year 4, you must complete a Mandatory Teaching and Learning Session form in eForms and get it signed by the tutor. This must be submitted as soon as possible after the event has happened.

These events are:

Induction

Themed Case Discussions

Secondary Component Teaching

Patient Assessment Teaching

These forms are pre-populated so all you have to do is choose the correct learning event from the drop down menu – please ensure you pick the right event to avoid incorrect forms getting rejected upon submission.

iPad resources

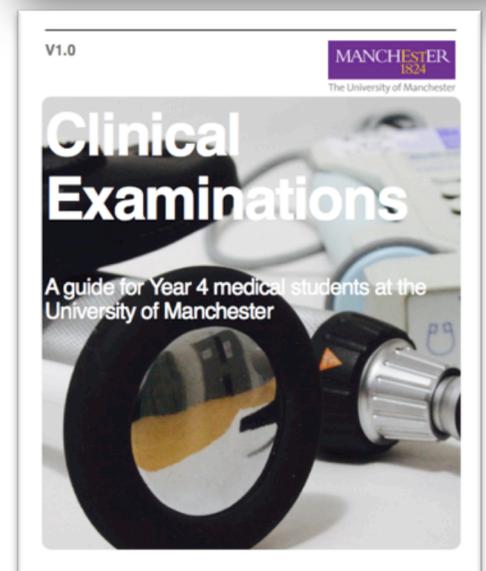
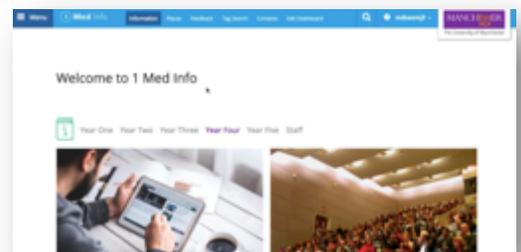
Don't forget there is a range of learning aids designed specifically for use on your iPads; this includes the Year 4 iBook and a host of other materials relevant to your studies this year.

For more information about accessing these resources follow the link:

<https://www.onemedinfo.manchester.ac.uk/blog/infoobjects/resources/?section=6737&topic=6852&acyear=2019-2020>

The Y4 iBook should also be pushed directly to your iPad, so check the iBooks library...

Don't forget to check 1MedInfo to remind yourself of the requirements for Year 4 placements



Top Tips for a Brilliant Elective – from previous Y4 students



Choosing:

1. It can be overwhelming to pick somewhere if you aren't sure which area of the world to apply to.
2. Decide early on what you want from an elective - quite intense clinical experience to help in a future career, an amazing location to explore, something cost effective, something more relaxed?
3. Research about the country you want to visit now, find different hospitals within and enquire early for available placements (you are competing with other university students on elective also)
4. OneMedInfo has useful info especially which countries and hospitals people went to last year
5. A very useful website is <http://www.electives.net/> - it lists contact information for all hospitals with electives worldwide (free through MDU membership)
6. The earlier the placement is confirmed, the better chance of applying to certain bursaries to subsidise expenses.

Organizing:

1. Don't be afraid to be persistent when emailing and contacting places. Make sure to chase up non-responders to emails by phone as they have probably left your email in their busy inbox unread (this happened to me for 2 months!). Be aware of time difference between countries and how everyone might not respond right away due to a different work culture
2. Apply to lots (if possible) as frustratingly many won't get back to you
3. Once you secure the placement, everything else is relatively easy to sort like flights and accommodation
4. Sort it early! Get all your official documents sorted early including a VISA. It was a massive cause of stress for people who left it to the last minute
5. Book appointment in a travel clinic / GP for vaccinations 6 weeks before flying out! (I think this was something most people overlooked because of OSCE revision)
6. Email beforehand to see if there is anything you need to bring
7. Research/plan an itinerary for things to do outside of placement in advance -so you can plan your spare time better, save on costs and most importantly enjoy your elective!

Financial Matters

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If you are struggling to make ends meet, take a look at the extra support available:

<https://www.onemedinfo.manchester.ac.uk/blog/infoobjects/financial-support/>

There are also elective bursaries that you can apply for; many of these are open already and you usually need to have a confirmed placement before you can apply.

Another reason to get planning!

<https://www.medschools.ac.uk/studying-medicine/medical-student-electives/elective-bursaries>

Have Your Say...

We are looking for volunteers to join a **focus group** to discuss how we could improve Year 4. It's a great opportunity to have your say and learn about how focus groups work. Refreshments will be provided.

Date: Tuesday 24th September

Time: 6-7pm

Where: Stopford Building Oxford Rd

Please let me know if you would like to come along

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Year 4 Student Rep

Hello everyone, it's me again. My name's Chris and as you may remember I was the year three rep for Preston students last year so I thought I'd carry it through into year four. As you're probably aware I'm your port of call between the faculty and student body so if there's anything that you want bringing up to the medical school, or if you think of any improvements to the course then please do speak to me. I'm pretty easy to find roaming the corridors of Preston with my silver hair, but if not then my email address is christopher.eaves@student.manchester.ac.uk, or you can always Facebook me, thanks everyone!