

Information for BMBS, BMBS with Foundation Year, Diagnostic Radiography, Clinical Physiology and DTH with Foundation Year Applicants

Assessment of Health

Part of the application process is to complete a Pre-Course Questionnaire (Form) which enables us to:

- Identify any health problems or disabilities that may make the proposed course difficult or unsafe for you or others
- Assess what adjustments to the course may be needed to enable you to study if you have a health problem or disability
- Protect, maintain and improve your health and well-being.

The assessment is undertaken by the School's Occupational Health Provider; the Occupational Health & Wellbeing Department (OHWB) of University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust via their Portal. The contents of the Form and all medical information obtained will be stored securely and remain confidential to OHWB. It will not be disclosed without your consent in line with GMC/NMC Standards and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

What You Must do Before Commencing Your Form

1. Contact your GP to provide a copy of any vaccinations/immunisations that they hold (especially MMR).
2. If you've worked in healthcare previously, please request a certificate of your immunisations from the Occupational Health Department/ Provider of the organisation.
3. Scan your documents in **PDF** or **Word** format in readiness to upload to the Portal.

Please note - You must upload the required documents, complete and submit your Form by 30th June 2021

Being notified of the Outcome

Once your Form has been assessed by the OHWB Nurse Team, both yourself and the school will be notified.

Immunisations and Tests of Immunisation Status

As a Medical Student you may be exposed to infectious patients or, if you have an infection you could place them at risk. The following guidelines from the Department of Health (DoH) is an early example of

the importance of meeting your professional obligations; equally The School and OHWB have a duty to ensure that you, your student colleagues and your patients are adequately protected.

MMR

You should be protected by having documentary evidence of having received 2 doses of MMR, or blood tests showing antibodies to Measles and Rubella. If you have had only one dose then an MMR booster will be recommended.

Varicella

You should be protected by having a history of having had Chickenpox or Shingles or 2 Varicella immunisations or a blood test to denote antibodies present.

Hepatitis B

You should be protected against Hepatitis B by means of documentary evidence of a course of 3 (or more) Hepatitis B immunisations, followed by blood tests to denote presence of antibodies.

TB

Although it is not routinely given to children in the UK, you may already be protected against TB by means of a BCG vaccine.

The BCG vaccine gives about 50% protection against TB and is recommended for healthcare workers, especially those most likely to be exposed to the infection. It is not highly contagious in most circumstances with prolonged, close contact required for it to spread.

Following a period of BCG shortage and the COVID Pandemic, we are just beginning a catch up programme, with vaccinations given on a strict priority basis. You may not get a BCG as part of your induction but are likely to be offered it later.

Enhanced TB Screening

If you or a member of your family has ever had TB or you live or have ever lived in a country or an area of the UK where there is a high incidence of TB (greater than 40/100,000 of the population) please arrange to have a Quantiferon blood test (or a Chest X-ray) undertaken and upload the results to your Portal Account.