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Medical Students at the Whittington

UCL Hospitals are teaching hospitals – they teach medical students to become doctors. This leaflet will inform you of your rights in our hospitals with regards to these students.



Consent for examination under Anesthetic

Although students begin to learn some skills in examining patients using dummies or models they must also examine real patients. If there is the possibility of this taking place during an examination under anesthetic (for example, a vaginal or rectal examination) your permission will be sought. Such an examination is not permitted under any other circumstances. You will be approached by the student who will explain what is involved and, if you agree, you will be asked to sign a form naming the student receiving your permission. There is no pressure upon you to agree; you can refuse and this will not affect your care in any way.

The students and their tutors are very grateful for any contribution you can make to student learning.

Patient Care

Students are taught that dignity is a top priority in caring for people and should treat all patients with respect. If you have any concerns regarding students and your care, please speak to the nurse in charge or the senior doctor, all feedback is greatly welcome.

Where to get more information

[Whittington Hospital Website](#)

If you would like to contact one of the Undergraduate Centre Administration Staff with any queries please see the [UCL website](#)

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UCL Medical School & the Whittington

Almost 2500 students study medicine at the UCL Medical School. Every day around 300 students are at the Whittington Hospital and in the community, talking to and examining patients, observing in the operating theatre and X-ray suites and learning by apprenticeship/lectures. It is very likely that you will meet Medical students whose teachers are the doctors, nurses and other professionals who care for you on a daily basis.



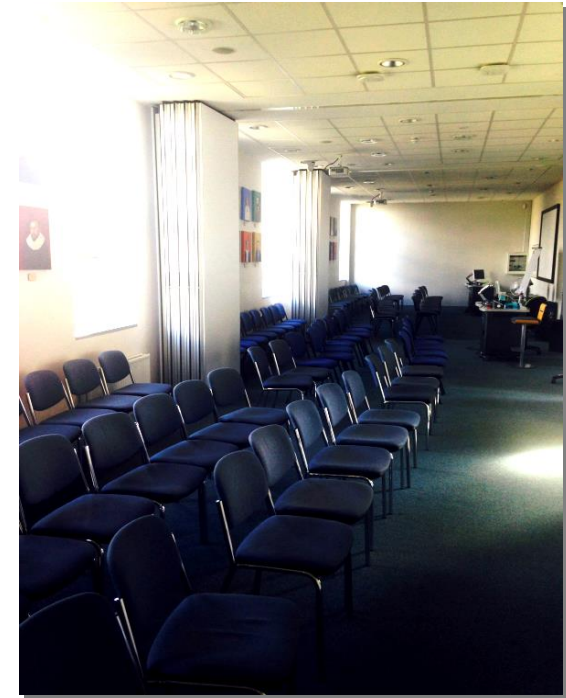
How we teach Medical Students

Students learn best by interviewing and talking to patients as part of their everyday work at the Whittington hospital. By meeting with patients they are learning a lot about interacting with people, and gaining knowledge not easily obtained from textbooks. Students will meet patients on wards and in the outpatient departments. They may also be present as observers when you have tests, or procedures or operations. These activities help to ensure students receive a solid start to their medical career and to patient care.



Medical Students & Patient Examination

You are always free to refuse to have medical students present during your care at the hospital. This will not affect your care in any way. It is also your right if you are a woman approached by a male student who asks to examine you, to request the presence of a female nurse, doctor or student as a chaperone.



Patient Confidentiality

Students are bound by the professional duty of confidentiality. They are expected to pass relevant personal information that you give them to the responsible doctor, but no further. If you want to talk to a student in confidence you are welcome to do so but please understand that the student is normally expected to pass on information relevant to your treatment.



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