

Helping in the Medical Students Teaching Sessions

Background

Medical school examination teaching is a very important part of the training of future Doctors.. Our aim is to train students to the highest possible standards of patient care.

By including members of the public in teaching sessions we also have an opportunity to see how they communicate with real patients and to check that they do so in a polite, courteous and accurate way. It is because of people like you taking part in the exams that we are able to do this and your taking part is very much appreciated.

Why have I been approached?

Because of your medical condition, you would be suitable to help us teach the students during their teaching sessions. Your condition is one that the students need to show they know about and your participation in their teaching means that the students get a real life experience of talking to, and examining patients with your condition.

You might have been given this information sheet by your doctor who feels that you would be just the sort of person we are looking for. If not then they might have passed your details on to us in the Undergraduate Medical Education Department, after discussing it with you, and we have sent you this information.

What will happen if I agree?

It would mean you contributing either a half day (morning or afternoon), or a whole day of your time. It is up to you how much time you contribute.

Before the session, the undergraduate administration team will contact you to see if you are available on the dates of the exam and if so, ask you confirm that you are happy to participate. They will be happy to answer any questions you might have and if you decide to help out with the session, they can sort out the details, including arranging transport for you to and from the hospital on the day of the teaching.

In the session you will see a number of medical students one at a time. Each student will either interview you about your condition or examine you to identify signs of your condition depending on what that session is testing. If you feel uncomfortable with anything about the session on the day the staff will do everything they can to solve any problems and make it as easy for you as possible.

We expect the student to be sensitive to your feelings, and to treat you with care and respect. If you are concerned about a student's attitude please speak to the facilitator or any other member of staff.

You are free to withdraw from the session at any time with no need for explanation. This will not affect you or your treatment in the future.

We value your time and assistance in running the exam and so we provide you with a gift voucher of £25/£50 for your time and of course your travel expenses would be covered. Please keep any receipts for travel so that we can reimburse you.

What happens to my personal information?

Your details will be kept on a secure database which can only be accessed by appropriate people and you can ask to be removed from the database at any time.

Once a year we will contact you to ask if you wish to continue to help with teaching.

Who can I contact for more information?

✉ Undergraduate@gstt.nhs.uk

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