Step 1: Fitness to Enrol

On receipt of offer, students must complete the online health questionnaire which includes providing evidence of all immunisation and infection requirements for Fitness to Enrol.

Current immunity and infection requirements for Fitness to Enrol are:

1. TB - evidence of immunity and freedom from TB.
3. Hepatitis B - Immunisation and tests to check response.
4. Other hepatitis: C and HIV - antibody test. All blood test results must be from UK accredited laboratories.

Students who i) have incomplete immunisation records and have difficulty in obtaining required immunisations or tests or ii) who need tests to be repeated in a UK accredited laboratory, are advised to contact OH as soon as they receive their offer. OH offers pre-enrolment appointments to enable students to meet the requirements.

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Deadline for students to complete on-line HQ: 31 May

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Step 2: Fitness for Course excluding EPP

At enrolment, students who have not been cleared on the basis of their HQ are required to attend a compulsory OH appointment with an occupational health nurse during the 1st term. These appointments take priority over all other activities. Failure to attend is a fitness to practise issue for which students will be referred to the Faculty Tutor.

Priority timetabling is given to overseas students who i) are required to undergo additional checks for active TB and ii) may be required to repeat blood tests in UK accredited laboratories.

The OH appointment has 3 purposes: i) to discuss the health questionnaire with a view to clarifying any answers and to identifying any additional support that individual students may need; ii) to confirm that all requirements are complete for Fitness for Course (excluding EPP where course of immunisations extends into term 2 and iii) to undertake screening for EPP to enable Fitness for Course before the 2nd patient contact session in Term 2 Wk 8.

Students may be referred to an Occupational Health physician if this is appropriate.

OH confirms Fitness for Course to Medical Student Support Team.

Occupational Health Physician advises the Faculty Tutor of individual students requiring adjustments for disabilities, the nature of the impairment, its effect on function, and the adjustments necessary to allow the student to fulfil the required competencies for graduation and professional practice. Specific information about underlying causes is not disclosed, except where this serves a specific purpose to protect patients or benefit the student, and only with explicit, informed consent.

Deadline for UCL OH to confirm Fitness for Course: end of 1st term.

Step 3: Fitness for Course including EPP

Prior to the 2nd patient contact session in Term 2 Wk 8, OH confirms full Fitness for Course which includes i) the additional health checks required for students to undertake exposure prone procedures and ii) completion of the course of immunisations for Hepatitis B.

Students may choose not to undertake the additional blood tests required for EPP clearance providing they are aware and accept that they will not be able to participate in EPP activities during the course.

Students who are not cleared for EPPs, or who elect not to undergo the additional health checks, are issued with a card which they are required to present to clinical supervisors and teachers on each medical placement. Failure to comply is a fitness to practise issue.

Deadline for full Fit For Course forms: Term 2 Wk 8

Students who have not been cleared as fully Fit for Course may not attend the Term 2 Wk 8 patient contact session, will be issued with an FIP concerns form and referred to the Faculty Tutor.

Failure to obtain Fit for Course clearance by this deadline is a Fitness to Practise issue

Fitness to Practise regulations and procedures may be found at on the MBBS staff/student website.

Medical Student Occupational Health requirements and processes

UCLMS runs an integrated MBBS programme with early patient contact in Year 1 Term 1 and medical placements from Year 1 Term 2. To comply with GMC and Department of Health standards for medical training designed to ensure patient and personal safety, all students must complete health screening before participating in clinical contact sessions. Health screening at UCLMS is provided by UCL OH following guidance issued by the Higher Education Occupational Physicians /Practitioners (HEOPS).

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2) Fitness for Course including patient contact.
3) Fitness for Course including Exposure Prone Procedures (EPP)

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