The University of Queensland, School of Medicine
Surgical Specialties (MEDI4020) Clinical Placement
Intrastate/Interstate/Overseas

Students who intend to undertake their Surgical Specialties (MEDI4020) clinical placement at a site apart from the UQ Clinical Schools (intrastate, interstate and overseas) are required to submit an application to the Head of Discipline of Surgery with details relating to the proposed clinical placement.

The application form and further information can be located in the MBBS Guide by the following pathway:

- MBBS Guide
- Program Information
- Information for Phase 2
- International Opportunities
- Surgical Specialties

The approval process is summarised as follows:

Students submit the application forms to
Discipline Coordinator - Surgery (surgeriesom@uq.edu.au) at least 12 weeks prior to the commencement of the clinical placement.

The Head of Discipline will decide the suitability of the proposed clinical placement. Initial approval will be granted provided that all the requirements are met.

In order to obtain the final approval, students are required to provide the following documents at least 8 weeks prior to the commencement of the clinical placement:

1. A letter of acceptance from the supervising consultants (on the hospital/university letterhead and with the consultant’s signature), confirming they will provide teaching and assessment supervision during the placement.
2. A weekly timetable of activities during your clinical placement
3. Examination invigilator details (name, email and phone number)

Only completed application forms will be accepted for consideration.

Students will be notified of the outcome of their applications by the Discipline once the above mentioned documents are received within the application deadlines. Thereafter the applications should follow the process outlined in the Clinical Placement Guidelines.

Students are advised NOT to make any travel arrangements until the final approval has been granted by the Head of Discipline.
Please note the following:

- Students are responsible for contacting any proposed teaching institution and for seeking agreement that a teaching program will be available consistent with the published curriculum. Students are required to establish that supervision will be provided by a recognised Consultant in the nominated Specialty and that a teaching program is available.

- Preferred University of Queensland partner institutions are listed at:  

- Students need to justify that the teaching program is similar to the teaching in Queensland hospitals. Placements will only be approved at teaching hospitals affiliated with a university medical school. Students will need to provide the potential supervising Consultant with the curriculum and assessment forms of the nominated specialty. This will ensure that the proposed supervising Consultant is aware of the requirements of the Surgery Specialties (MED4020) clinical placement.

- Surgical Specialty Areas that students are allowed to undertake in their clinical placement are as follows:
  - **Ophthalmology**
  - **Orthopaedics**
  - **Surgery Options**
    - ENT
    - Cardiothoracic
    - Maxillofacial
    - Neurosurgery
    - Plastics
    - Urology

**Contact Details**

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