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Notice
As part of Phase 3 of our return to campus plan, most units will now run tutorials, seminars and other small group activities on campus, and most will keep an online version available to those students unable to return or those who choose to continue their studies online.

To check the availability of face-to-face activities for your unit, please go to timetable viewer. To check detailed information on unit assessments visit your unit’s iLearn space or consult your unit convenor.
# General Information

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30  

Prerequisites  
(MEDI924 or MEDI8204)
Corequisites
MEDI8300

Co-badged status

Unit description
This is the first of two units which comprise a total of 20 weeks of core clinical placements where you will be embedded in healthcare teams working with individuals with a variety of health conditions in Stage 2 of the Macquarie MD. You will complete placements aligned with health care delivery (Acute Care, Women's and Children's Health and Primary and Community Care) and in the public and private health care sectors. These placements will provide exposure to the clinical disciplines of Medicine, Surgery, Paediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and Primary and Community Care. This unit provides you with the opportunity to participate in the delivery of patient-centred healthcare and to apply your medical science knowledge and pathophysiological understanding, history taking and physical examination skills which you have acquired across Stage 1, and to integrate and apply your clinical reasoning and diagnostic skills; and formulate a management plan in diverse clinical settings. You will be required to participate in healthcare delivery and demonstrate significant progress toward the development of the 4 Macquarie MD Graduate Capabilities: Scientist and Scholar, Clinical Practitioner, Engaged Global Citizen and Professional, and the Graduate Entrustable Professional Activities, at a standard appropriate to Stage 2.

Important Academic Dates
Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates

Learning Outcomes
On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: Applies knowledge of relevant medical sciences, health conditions, scientific principles and mechanisms of disease to explain clinical presentations, as well as how drugs and other treatments are used to manage or prevent disease in individuals seeking healthcare in the disciplines of Medicine, Surgery, Paediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and Primary and Community Care (Capability 1: Scientist and Scholar).

ULO2: Formulates focused clinical questions, uses effective information search strategies, critically evaluates the quality of the evidence and develops evidence-based and/or research-informed judgements on clinical presentations and medical issues relevant to the disciplines of Medicine, Surgery, Paediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and Primary and Community Care (Capability 1: Scientist and Scholar).

ULO3: Elicits a concise and accurate medical history and conducts a physical and/or
mental examination with patients seeking health care in the disciplines of Medicine, Surgery, Paediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and Primary and Community Care (Capability 2: Clinical Practitioner).

**ULO4:** Builds rapport and communicates sensitively in clinical settings with patients, their families and/or carers, and actively encourages patients to contribute to the discussion and choice of diagnostic, therapeutic and management approaches including health promotion strategies (Capability 2: Clinical Practitioner).

**ULO5:** Uses research-informed clinical reasoning to derive differential diagnoses, investigations and basic management plans for people seeking health care in the disciplines of Medicine, Surgery, Paediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and Primary and Community Care (Capability 2: Clinical Practitioner).

**ULO6:** Communicates history and physical examination findings, differential diagnoses and management plans concisely and accurately in verbal or written form to interprofessional healthcare teams and/or peers (Capability 2: Clinical Practitioner).

**ULO7:** Performs procedural skills competently and safely in a clinical environment (Capability 2: Clinical Practitioner).

**ULO8:** Practices effectively and with cultural responsiveness and sensitivity in clinical settings, engaging positively and effectively with patients, families and/or carers, medical and healthcare professionals and others from diverse cultural backgrounds (Capability 3: Engaged Global Citizen).

**ULO9:** Identifies and discusses social, cultural and economic factors, as well as healthcare team and health system factors, which may impact on healthcare and population health relevant to the disciplines of Medicine, Surgery, Paediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and Primary and Community Care (Capability 3: Engaged Global Citizen).

**ULO10:** Demonstrates effective teamwork and professional behaviour in accordance with ethical, legal and professional standards of medical care when interacting with patients and their families and/or carers, the healthcare teams, peers and the host organization (Capability 4: Professional).

**ULO11:** Uses feedback from teachers, clinicians, peers and patients to inform self-evaluation and critical reflection, and generates development plans to address learning needs (Capability 4: Professional).

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**General Assessment Information**

Find important information on the Doctor of Medicine’s requirements for progression, hurdle assessment tasks and grading approach for Stage 2 in the [MD Rules of Assessment and](https://unitguides.mq.edu.au/unit_offerings/150214/unit_guide/print)
Assessment Tasks

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Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE)

Assessment Type 1: Clinical performance evaluation
Indicative Time on Task 2: 15 hours
Due: MDC Week 21
Weighting: 40%

6 station OSCE with at least 1 station from each of the following disciplines; Medicine, Surgery, Paediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Primary and Community Care. Assessment criteria for each station will be mapped to Capability Aspects (2.1, 2.2, 4.2) as well as other relevant Capability Aspects (CAs) and Graduate Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs). Overall, CA performance and EPAs will be recorded in your Macquarie Assessment Portfolio.

On successful completion you will be able to:
- Applies knowledge of relevant medical sciences, health conditions, scientific principles and mechanisms of disease to explain clinical presentations, as well as how drugs and other treatments are used to manage or prevent disease in individuals seeking healthcare in the disciplines of Medicine, Surgery, Paediatrics, Obstetrics and

Progression available on the Macquarie Doctor of Medicine Community iLearn Site.
Gynaecology, and Primary and Community Care (Capability 1: Scientist and Scholar).

• Formulates focused clinical questions, uses effective information search strategies, critically evaluates the quality of the evidence and develops evidence-based and/or research-informed judgements on clinical presentations and medical issues relevant to the disciplines of Medicine, Surgery, Paediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and Primary and Community Care (Capability 1: Scientist and Scholar).

• Elicits a concise and accurate medical history and conducts a physical and/or mental examination with patients seeking health care in the disciplines of Medicine, Surgery, Paediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and Primary and Community Care (Capability 2: Clinical Practitioner).

• Builds rapport and communicates sensitively in clinical settings with patients, their families and/or carers, and actively encourages patients to contribute to the discussion and choice of diagnostic, therapeutic and management approaches including health promotion strategies (Capability 2: Clinical Practitioner).

• Uses research-informed clinical reasoning to derive differential diagnoses, investigations and basic management plans for people seeking health care in the disciplines of Medicine, Surgery, Paediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and Primary and Community Care (Capability 2: Clinical Practitioner).

• Communicates history and physical examination findings, differential diagnoses and management plans concisely and accurately in verbal or written form to interprofessional healthcare teams and/or peers (Capability 2: Clinical Practitioner).

• Performs procedural skills competently and safely in a clinical environment (Capability 2: Clinical Practitioner).

• Practices effectively and with cultural responsiveness and sensitivity in clinical settings, engaging positively and effectively with patients, families and/or carers, medical and healthcare professionals and others from diverse cultural backgrounds (Capability 3: Engaged Global Citizen).

• Identifies and discusses social, cultural and economic factors, as well as healthcare team and health system factors, which may impact on healthcare and population health relevant to the disciplines of Medicine, Surgery, Paediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and Primary and Community Care (Capability 3: Engaged Global Citizen).

• Demonstrates effective teamwork and professional behaviour in accordance with ethical, legal and professional standards of medical care when interacting with patients and their families and/or carers, the healthcare teams, peers and the host organization (Capability 4: Professional).
In-training Assessment (ITA)

Assessment Type 1: Clinical performance evaluation
Indicative Time on Task 2: 2.5 hours
Due: MDC Week 5, 10, 15, 20 (dates will differ by student group)
Weighting: 30%

In-Training Assessments (ITA)s at end of rotations by clinical supervisors. These may vary between clinical disciplines and may include evaluation of self-assessments, logbook and learning plans. Please see detailed assessment guides on iLearn. Assessment criteria will be mapped to relevant Capability Aspects (CAs) and Graduate Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs). Overall, CA performance and EPAs will be recorded in your Macquarie Assessment Portfolio.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Applies knowledge of relevant medical sciences, health conditions, scientific principles and mechanisms of disease to explain clinical presentations, as well as how drugs and other treatments are used to manage or prevent disease in individuals seeking healthcare in the disciplines of Medicine, Surgery, Paediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and Primary and Community Care (Capability 1: Scientist and Scholar).
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- Elicits a concise and accurate medical history and conducts a physical and/or mental examination with patients seeking health care in the disciplines of Medicine, Surgery, Paediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and Primary and Community Care (Capability 2: Clinical Practitioner).
- Builds rapport and communicates sensitively in clinical settings with patients, their families and/or carers, and actively encourages patients to contribute to the discussion and choice of diagnostic, therapeutic and management approaches including health promotion strategies (Capability 2: Clinical Practitioner).
- Uses research-informed clinical reasoning to derive differential diagnoses, investigations and basic management plans for people seeking health care in the disciplines of Medicine, Surgery, Paediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and Primary and Community Care (Capability 2: Clinical Practitioner).
Community Care (Capability 2: Clinical Practitioner).

- Communicates history and physical examination findings, differential diagnoses and management plans concisely and accurately in verbal or written form to interprofessional healthcare teams and/or peers (Capability 2: Clinical Practitioner).
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- Identifies and discusses social, cultural and economic factors, as well as healthcare team and health system factors, which may impact on healthcare and population health relevant to the disciplines of Medicine, Surgery, Paediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and Primary and Community Care (Capability 3: Engaged Global Citizen).
- Demonstrates effective teamwork and professional behaviour in accordance with ethical, legal and professional standards of medical care when interacting with patients and their families and/or carers, the healthcare teams, peers and the host organization (Capability 4: Professional).
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Direct Observation of Procedural Skills (DOPS)

Assessment Type 1: Clinical performance evaluation
Indicative Time on Task 2: 2.5 hours
Due: MDC Week 20
Weighting: 0%
This is a hurdle assessment task (see assessment policy for more information on hurdle assessment tasks)

At least 4 x satisfactory DOPS spread across the clinical disciplines. Please see iLearn for specific clinical discipline requirements. Assessment criteria will be mapped to relevant Capability Aspects (CAs) and Graduate Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs). Overall, CA performance and EPAs will be recorded in your Macquarie Assessment Portfolio.

On successful completion you will be able to:
- Applies knowledge of relevant medical sciences, health conditions, scientific principles and mechanisms of disease to explain clinical presentations, as well as how drugs and
other treatments are used to manage or prevent disease in individuals seeking healthcare in the disciplines of Medicine, Surgery, Paediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and Primary and Community Care (Capability 1: Scientist and Scholar).

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- Elicits a concise and accurate medical history and conducts a physical and/or mental examination with patients seeking health care in the disciplines of Medicine, Surgery, Paediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and Primary and Community Care (Capability 2: Clinical Practitioner).

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- Communicates history and physical examination findings, differential diagnoses and management plans concisely and accurately in verbal or written form to interprofessional healthcare teams and/or peers (Capability 2: Clinical Practitioner).

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- Uses feedback from teachers, clinicians, peers and patients to inform self-evaluation and critical reflection, and generates development plans to address learning needs.
Clinical Discipline Project

Assessment Type 1: Clinical performance evaluation
Indicative Time on Task 2: 20 hours
Due: MDC Wk 5, 9, 10, 13, 15, 16, 19 (differs by student group)
Weighting: 30%

3 Clinical Discipline Projects dependent on your student group requirements. Please refer to your assessment guide available on iLearn for details. Assessment criteria will be mapped to relevant Capability Aspects (CAs) and Graduate Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs). Overall, CA performance and EPAs will be recorded in your Macquarie Assessment Portfolio.

On successful completion you will be able to:

• Applies knowledge of relevant medical sciences, health conditions, scientific principles and mechanisms of disease to explain clinical presentations, as well as how drugs and other treatments are used to manage or prevent disease in individuals seeking healthcare in the disciplines of Medicine, Surgery, Paediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and Primary and Community Care (Capability 1: Scientist and Scholar).
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• Uses research-informed clinical reasoning to derive differential diagnoses, investigations and basic management plans for people seeking health care in the disciplines of Medicine, Surgery, Paediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and Primary and Community Care (Capability 2: Clinical Practitioner).
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Identifies and discusses social, cultural and economic factors, as well as healthcare team and health system factors, which may impact on healthcare and population health relevant to the disciplines of Medicine, Surgery, Paediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and Primary and Community Care (Capability 3: Engaged Global Citizen).

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**Mini-Clinical Evaluation Exercise (Mini-CEX)**

**Assessment Type**: Clinical performance evaluation  
**Indicative Time on Task**: 2.5 hours  
**Due**: MDC Week 20  
**Weighting**: 0%  
This is a hurdle assessment task (see assessment policy for more information on hurdle assessment tasks)

At least 4 x satisfactory Mini-CEX spread across the clinical disciplines. Please see iLearn for specific clinical discipline requirements. Assessment criteria will be mapped to relevant Capability Aspects (CAs) and Graduate Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs). Overall, CA performance and EPAs will be recorded in your Macquarie Assessment Portfolio.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Applies knowledge of relevant medical sciences, health conditions, scientific principles and mechanisms of disease to explain clinical presentations, as well as how drugs and other treatments are used to manage or prevent disease in individuals seeking
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• Demonstrates effective teamwork and professional behaviour in accordance with ethical, legal and professional standards of medical care when interacting with patients and their families and/or carers, the healthcare teams, peers and the host organization (Capability
Team Clinical Evaluation Exercise (TMEX)

Assessment Type 1: Clinical performance evaluation
Indicative Time on Task 2: 2.5 hours
Due: MDC Week 20
Weighting: 0%

This is a hurdle assessment task (see assessment policy for more information on hurdle assessment tasks)

At least 4 x satisfactory T-MEX; spread across the clinical disciplines. Please see iLearn for specific clinical discipline requirements. Assessment criteria will be mapped to relevant Capability Aspects (CAs) and Graduate Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs). Overall, CA performance and EPAs will be recorded in your Macquarie Assessment Portfolio.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Applies knowledge of relevant medical sciences, health conditions, scientific principles and mechanisms of disease to explain clinical presentations, as well as how drugs and other treatments are used to manage or prevent disease in individuals seeking healthcare in the disciplines of Medicine, Surgery, Paediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and Primary and Community Care (Capability 1: Scientist and Scholar).
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1 If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the Learning Skills Unit for academic skills support.

2 Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

**Delivery and Resources**

This is the first of two units which comprise a total of 20 weeks of core clinical placements where you will be embedded in healthcare teams working with individuals with a variety of health conditions in Stage 2 of the Macquarie MD. You will complete placements in Acute Care, Women and Children’s Health and Primary and Community Care. The 20 week period is organised into
2 x 10 week rotations to cover disciplines of Acute Care and Women and Children's Health. Primary and Community Care is delivered 1 day a week across the 20 week session. In any given week a student should aim to spend 3 days in clinical immersion, 1 day undertaking research for MEDI8301 and 1 day in Primary and Community Care. The 20 week teaching period excludes a pre-orientation week and post-assessment week.

Each clinical discipline has a series of learning activities scheduled to assist students to develop the Macquarie MD Capabilities and competence in Entrustable Professional activities and clinical procedures. These activities include expert-led lectures, global grand rounds, clinical simulation activities as well as working within the healthcare team under supervision. Students are expected to be part of the healthcare team and are required to self-reflect and identify learning needs as well as seek learning opportunities to meet these learning needs.

**ILEARN**

A suite of clinical discipline resources and materials are available on joint MEDI8301/MEDI8302 Core Clinical Placements A/B (Clinical Discipline) iLearn Site. The Macquarie MD Clinical 2020 Intake iLearn site provides resources for your clinical placements across the entirety of the course. Details of assessment requirements is contained in the MQMDAssess Macquarie MD Assessment 2020 Intake iLearn Site.

**RECOMMENDED TEXTS:**

**Acute Care - Medicine and Surgery:**

- Talley And O'Connor's Clinical Examination: *A Systematic Guide to Physical Diagnosis* - 2-volume Set, 8th Edition
- *Davidson’s principles and practice of Medicine*, 23rd Edition
- *Principles and practice of surgery*, 7th Edition

**Primary and Community Care (PCC):**

- *Murtagh’s General Practice* - 7th edition – McGrath Hill

**Women’s and Children’s Health (WCH):**

• Williams Obstetrics (24th Ed) McGraw-Hill Education

RECOMMENDED DATABASES:
The following online resources can be accessed through the MQ Library and or links are available within the MD unit iLearn sites:

• **Aquifer Internal Medicine** is an online clinical learning tool designed to build knowledge and clinical reasoning skills for health professions students.

• **Web Initiative for Surgical Education Modules (WISE MD)** enhance teaching of common surgical problems and illustrate principles related to diagnosis and treatment of surgical illnesses.

• **ClinicalKey Student** is an education platform consisting of medical resources, texts and imagery. Users can also create quiz assessments.

### Policies and Procedures
Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central (https://policies.mq.edu.au). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

• Academic Appeals Policy
• Academic Integrity Policy
• Academic Progression Policy
• Assessment Policy
• Fitness to Practice Procedure
• Grade Appeal Policy
• Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public
• Special Consideration Policy

Students seeking more policy resources can visit Student Policies (https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit Policy Central (https://policies.mq.edu.au) and use the search tool.
Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: [https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/student-conduct](https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/student-conduct)

Results

Results published on platform other than eStudent, (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in eStudent. For more information visit [ask.mq.edu.au](http://ask.mq.edu.au) or if you are a Global MBA student contact [globalmba.support@mq.edu.au](mailto:globalmba.support@mq.edu.au)

Course Specific Policies

The [Macquarie Doctor of Medicine Community iLearn Site](https://learning.mq.edu.au) contains course specific policies including, but not limited to, the MD Rules of Assessment and Progression and the MD Professional Behaviour Notification Guideline.

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit [http://students.mq.edu.au/support/](http://students.mq.edu.au/support/)

The Writing Centre

The Writing Centre provides resources to develop your English language proficiency, academic writing, and communication skills.

- Getting help with your assignment
- Workshops
- Chat with a WriteWISE peer writing leader
- Access StudyWISE
- Upload an assignment to Studiosity
- Complete the Academic Integrity Module

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- Subject and Research Guides
- Ask a Librarian

Student Enquiry Service

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at [ask.mq.edu.au](http://ask.mq.edu.au)

If you are a Global MBA student contact [globalmba.support@mq.edu.au](mailto:globalmba.support@mq.edu.au)

Equity Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/) who can provide
appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

**IT Help**

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit [http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/](http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/).

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

**Changes from Previous Offering**

Change to assessment weighting