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Information on insurance coverage for Sydney Medical Program students undertaking approved placements

The purpose of this statement is to clarify insurance coverage for medical students enrolled in the University of Sydney Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree, the MBBS (Honours) degree or the Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree.

All medical students in the Program undertake clinical or research placements within the Medical Program, either as part of their mainstream learning or during electives or in the course of other approved learning activities.

These placements may be hospital-, community- or laboratory-based, or a mixture. They may also occur in organisations such as government or non-government agencies. In all approved placements, a nominated supervisor has accepted responsibility for the educational, clinical and/or research supervision of the student. The documentation for each clinical placement specifies the rights and responsibilities of students and supervisors, as well as any specific limitations upon the activities of the student.

Students are registered with the Medical Board of Australia as **medical students** only. They are **not** registered medical practitioners, and are thus not registered to practise medicine in any capacity. Their student status allows them to undertake supervised clinical activity in an approved clinical placement.

The University of Sydney has insurance in place, including Public Liability and Professional Indemnity Insurance, to cover the activities of students when undertaking approved placements.

Details of the current University insurance policy are available at:

http://s1.sydney.edu.au/audit_risk/insurance/cocs.shtml

Students are expected to act safely and responsibly at all times and comply with the University 'Code of Conduct for Students' located on the University of Sydney's Policy Register at:

<http://sydney.edu.au/policies/> The University may amend the Code of Conduct from time to time by the University).

If students or supervisors have further queries relating to students' level of indemnity insurance while undertaking approved placements, they should contact the Sydney Medical School Office (phone +61 2 9351 3132 from overseas, or (02) 9351 3132 from within Australia).

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