



**Can you help train
our future doctors?**

JOIN our Patient Bank

What's involved?

- **talking and listening**
- **playing a role**
- **if you are willing, letting students practice physical check-ups with you.**

What is the Patient Bank?

The patient bank is a group of volunteers who have offered to partner with our School of Medicine in training the next generation of doctors. They help in teaching sessions as simulated patients, or by letting students learn from any health issues that they may have themselves and be willing to involve students in.

Some simulated patients will be given a script or a role to act out, to allow the newest students to practise before meeting real patients. Other volunteers will allow students to practice their skills such as checking blood pressure or learning to do a physical examination. Physical examination would only be with full agreement of what the volunteer is happy with. Some volunteers will help students develop good communication skills by talking and listening with the volunteers. If you have any health problems yourself and are willing to share this, you can, but this is not essential.

Do I need any qualifications?

No! None at all! The School of Medicine is keen to engage with all members of the community and all types of people to join in the development of our future doctors through establishing a vibrant patient bank programme. Volunteers do not need to have any qualifications at all, or come from particular backgrounds, or know much about healthcare; in fact, the more 'normal' the better!

During the Covid pandemic it is likely that having some people able to engage with the students remotely using phones, tablets or computers will also be important.

How much time would it take?

Volunteers who join the patient bank can offer as much or as little time as they feel able to.

Clinical and communication skills session will run on a Tuesday. In the academic year, 2021-22 this will be Tuesday afternoons, but in the next academic year, 2022-23, there will be sessions on Tuesday mornings and afternoons.

Volunteers would usually agree to joining a session for around two to three hours at a time.

What happens next?

If you would like to join the bank of simulated patients, we will invite you to a one-hour session to understand more about it and check if it is for you. You would get a welcome pack with information you need. We will need to let you know what information we would need about you, and how we would keep your personal information safe. We would then ask you to join a training session, in person, at the University. This session will give more detail on specific types of sessions, for example, whether there is role play, or what physical examination would involve. You will then be ready to choose what student teaching sessions you want to join.



GET IN TOUCH

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