**Medical Imaging Students – A guide to WCH SAMI**

Student Supervisors/ Buddy Roster

Helen Scott-Student Supervisor

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A Buddy Roster will be compiled each week and placed on the notice board. Each student will be assigned a staff member each day to work with and learn from. If the assigned member of staff is off sick or unavailable, an alternative staff member will be assigned.

**Medical Imaging Students are NOT to work with new staff members/junior staff who are still undergoing orientation and learning WCH protocols and procedures themselves. An alternative staff member should always be sought out.**

Contacting WCH Medical Imaging

If you are going to be absent or need to contact the department, please utilise the following numbers:

* 0466 934 695
* 8161 6639
* 8161 6022

It is imperative that students inform the department if they are going to sick or are arriving late for a clinical placement shift.

Student Locker

There is one student locker to be shared. Please do not lose the keys!

Small Lead Markers

Prior to commencing placement at the WCH, students should have obtained for themselves, very small lead markers to be utilised during their placement. If you don’t have them, please speak to either Helen Scott, James Thompson, or Scott Pollard ASAP.

Tea Breaks/Lunch Breaks

Dayshift hours = 8:30-17:00. 1-hour lunchbreak on dayshift (lunchbreak time to be organised by buddy radiographer). Out of hour shift = 30-minute dinner break.

Students do not have a tea break. Students can have a sealed water bottle or hot drink container in their area of work.

There is a communal fridge to store food in the departmental tearoom. Microwave, toaster etc. available for student use.

Cafeteria/Play deck Café/Volunteer Shops

Students can buy lunch (hot and cold) foods, snacks and drinks in the hospital. Currently, they only accept card payments, NO cash.

Departmental Tour and Evacuation (Code Orange) Point

You will be given a tour of the WCH medical imaging department and other several key areas in the hospital.

You will be shown the Medical Imaging Evacuation Point. Should you be told to evacuate the department, your only responsibility is to get yourself to the designated spot. It is the responsibility of qualified radiology staff to organise patients/parents etc.

Shift/Out of Hours Clinical Placement

Students are required as part of their degree to undertake out of hours shifts. At the WCH we can provide opportunities for these shifts to be undertaken. We do, however, have several stipulations:

* You have a safe mode of getting home after a late finishing shift.
* Only one student undertakes out of hours work, per shift.

Skeletal Surveys/NAI/Mortuary

Students are NEVER to be involved in NAI or Mortuary Skeletal Surveys. It is at the discretion of the students’ buddy radiographer for the day, to assess the examination and decide if it is appropriate for the student to ONLY observe. Students are NOT to set exposure factors etc. on the console.

Student Wellbeing/Emotional Support

At the WCH we understand it can be confronting and overwhelming at times to work with sick and injured children. As supervisors, we have the students’ wellbeing to consider, if a student does not feel comfortable in a situation, they are always able to ‘opt out’.

There is always confidential student support available, should a student have had ‘issues’ with another staff/hospital worker or a parent/care giver of a patient. Students are never to feel unsupported or uncomfortable within the department.

COVID Patients

Students must be fit mask tested, trained in donning and doffing of PPE and understand local infection control processes prior to imaging any infectious patients.

Working Independently

Students are NEVER to work independently. A qualified radiographer should always be able to assist a student. Always ensure a radiographer is available, before bringing a patient into an examination room.

Unattended Patients

Never leave patients (particularly young patients) unattended on examination beds or in the chest unit. Please ensure a parent and/or staff member, is next to the patient to ensure their safety, always.

Radiation Protection -Pregnancy/LMP/Pregnant Patients

Our departmental policy is to assess pregnancy status only for:

Imaging of female patients between 12 and 55 **and only** when imaging areas between the upper third of the femur and the diaphragm.

We **do no** assess the pregnancy status of those accompanying a patient for an x-ray.

Parents often have questions relating to radiation and radiation safety of their child. Please feel free to pass these questions to your qualified buddy that is working with you, rather than provide parents with potentially incorrect information.

At times we are required to image pregnant patients. Appropriate lead protection will be utilised by the qualified staff. Minimal views will be undertaken.

Sensitive Examinations

Every day throughout the department there are examinations being performed that patients would rather students AREN’T present for. Please do not feel you are being excluded from an exam, we must take the wellbeing and wishes of our patients into consideration.

Specialised Meetings Students Can Attend

Departmental CPD = Every Monday 08:30-09:00AM, Radiology Conference Room

Orthopaedic Meeting = 2nd Tuesday of the month 12:30, Radiology Conference Room

Neurology Meeting = 1st Monday of every month 8:30am, Radiology Conference Room

Renal/Urology Meeting = Every Thursday 8:30am, Radiology Conference Room

ADACS = Every Thursday 12:30pm, Radiology Conference Room

Neurosurgery Meeting = Every Wednesday 8:00am, Radiology Conference Room.

The onus is on the students to take themselves there. Please record your location on the whiteboard in general x-ray, so staff know where you are.

Educational Videos/PowerPoint Presentations/Interesting Cases

At times, the department can be quiet. This is a good time to read over or watch education videos available for your viewing on the desktops in the general department. If you have trouble locating them, please ask a qualified member of staff.

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