



SAINT JAMES SCHOOL OF MEDICINE STUDENT NEWSLETTER

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CLINICAL SHELF EXAM

Students starting the clinical program should contact the exam administrator to schedule the shelf exams which are required at the end of each core rotation. Please send an email to: oscar@mail.sjism.org. The shelf exams are not scheduled automatically; the student must contact the exam administrator.

NEED TO IMPROVE YOUR DIAGNOSTIC SKILLS?

Partners Infectious Disease Images (www.idimages.org) offers an extensive and easily searchable digital library of case information and images to support learning in infectious disease and microbiology. Most of the 450+ cases feature both description and images, and each includes a multiple choice differential diagnosis for self-testing. A subset of cases, developed with medical students in mind, includes interactive annotations. The site was developed by researchers at Massachusetts General Hospital, the University of Texas–Austin, and Harvard University Medical School. The collection is available free of charge, after registration.



STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE

It is mandatory for all SJSM students to have valid health coverage during the Basic Sciences on the islands and in clinical sciences. During your admissions process we ask you to show proof of your health insurance. This coverage must be maintained throughout the entire duration of the program. So if you are uninsured or underinsured, these are some helpful hints to get you back on track.

If you are on the islands, contact a US based healthcare provider and ask for a comprehensive international coverage plan and make sure that coverage includes emergencies, preventative care, prescription drug coverage, dental, vision, etc.

1. If you had health insurance that has expired, contact the provider to reinstate yourself.
2. If you are in the clinical program, you can cancel the international coverage from your policy if you have no further use for it but maintain the regular coverage that was recommended to you by our clinical department.
3. Taking these few extra steps will ensure you a worry free and healthy future at SJSM.

RESCHEDULING ROTATIONS

It has come to our attention that students schedule rotations a couple of months in advance and later try to reschedule them without a valid reason. The Clinical Department would like to remind all of the Clinical Students that it is not possible to reschedule a rotation (including changing dates, cancelling, switching rotations) unless the student has a proof of a medical condition that does not allow him or her to attend the previously scheduled rotation.

STEP1 PRE-EXAM REQUIREMENT

The Registrar's Office would like to remind all students about the requirement of taking the NBME's Comprehensive Basic Science Self-Assessment (CBSSA) exam, as well as the Saint James' in-house evaluation exam through Exam master, before each Step1 certification. In order to be eligible to be certified for the USMLE Step 1 the first and second times, students must obtain a score of 650+ in the NBME exam, and 75%+ in the in-house evaluation exam. For third and fourth certification the minimum required scores are 700 on the NBME and 80% for the Exam Master. Both these scores remain valid for 30 days only. After those requirements are met, the student is required to submit an application for the Step1 exam within 30 days.



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