



SAINT JAMES SCHOOL OF MEDICINE STUDENT NEWSLETTER

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CLINICAL ROTATION EXAM

All students completing a core rotation are required to take the clinical rotation exam through Exam Master within one week of the completion of the rotation. The exam score will constitute 25% of the final grade for that rotation. Clinical Department is not able to calculate the final grade without having both filled out evaluation form and ExamMaster exam score. Please ensure that both of these components are delivered to your clinical coordinator within one week of completion of the core rotation. Please contact us regarding login information: osar@mail.sjism.org.

AICM BECOMES MANDATORY

Effective October 1st 2011 AICM (Advanced Introduction to Clinical Medicine) course will become mandatory course to all clinical students who have still not cleared STEP 1, and have not already completed the course. In the future, before any student can be certified for the exam, regardless of which certification it is, the student will be required to take and pass AICM course. This rule is set in place to increase student's ability to pass the exam and is also a great tool to improve the score, even if the student is ready.

STUDENT PORTAL

This is just another reminder that the student portal is now available for access. Please visit the portal for the latest information from the school. You can access the portal by visiting the SJSM website and clicking on mysjism.org link. If you need your username or password provided to you, please contact oscar@mail.sjism.org.

CASE OF THE MONTH

This patient is a 13-year-old boy with short fingers.

A posteroanterior radiograph of the chest ([Figure 1](#)) reveals a lighter right hemithorax relative to the left side.



Anteroposterior radiograph of right hand ([Figure 2](#)) reveals short middle phalanges of second and fifth digits (arrows). Abnormalities of carpal bones can be seen.



What is the diagnosis? [Click here for the answer.](#)

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WELCOME OUR NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

Saint James has recently welcomed 3 new faculty members.

Dr. Reza Farhour is an M.D., who joined the Anguilla faculty in August, has several years of teaching experience in Pathology and Physical Diagnosis. Dr. Jean Carr is a PhD from the U.S. who has many years of experience in teaching and research with numerous research publications to her credit. She joined the Anguilla faculty in August and is teaching Biochemistry. Dr. Amitabha Ray is an M.D., Ph.D. with several years of teaching and research experience and several research publications to his credit. Dr. Ray joined the Anguilla faculty in August and is currently teaching Anatomy. Please welcome them all.

WELCOME TO SAINT JAMES SCHOOL OF MEDICINE!

Fall Orientation has just taken place and we welcomed a record number of students across both campuses. We'd like to extend our congratulations to all our new students. You've just embarked on an important milestone of your medical career and we wish you all the best for the next 16 months of study in the islands.

Orientation week was a great success on both islands. It was a privilege to meet so many families who travelled to the islands to help new students settle in. Thank you for coming. We always enjoy meeting you and hearing your stories and your support means so much to the new students.

If you are new to Saint James you will be in the process of dealing with a barrage of new things: a new country, new culture, new people and a daily dose of new facts and figures in your studies. That's a lot to take in all at once and it's normal if you are feeling a little overwhelmed. Please remember, if you do need help, the faculty and the student council are there for you. Saint James has a warm supportive culture and there is plenty of formal and informal support there for you if you need it.



TUITION INCREASE AND FEES CHANGE

Effective October 1st 2011 the tuition prices for both Bonaire and Anguilla programs will increase to the following levels:

Bonaire:	Pre-Med:	\$4,200 per semester
	Basic Science:	\$5,300 per semester
	Clinical Science:	\$7,850 per semester
Anguilla:	Basic Science:	\$6,750 per semester
	Clinical Science:	\$7,850 per semester

In addition to an increased tuition, students who fail courses in Pre-Med and Basic Science will not be entitled to repeat those courses free of charge any longer. SJSM will charge the student a discounted tuition amount for each repeated course. The tuition fees for the repeating courses are as follows:

Bonaire:	Pre-Med:	\$500 per course repeated
	Basic Science:	\$700 per course repeated
Anguilla:	Basic Science:	\$850 per course repeated

This increase will be effective for all the students, current and incoming.

NEW FEE FOR PAYMENT PLAN

All payment plans started after October 1st 2011 will carry \$180 payment plan fee stretched over the life of the payment plan. As before, students choosing to have their funds withdrawn from the bank account will receive a \$150 credit, but will be responsible for the remaining \$30 fee. Students choosing to have the funds withdrawn from the credit card will be responsible for the entire \$180 fee.



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