

Occupational Exposure & Medical Learners

Queen's School of Medicine encourages the student learner to interact with faculty and health care workers from the earliest days of their training through to graduation and throughout their chosen professional career. Whereas the development of the “MEDICAL EXPERT” role will be a constant and sustaining focus, the learning environment will also allow the other CanMeds roles such as “Health Advocate” and “Manager” to be developed.

The Undergraduate Medical curriculum is designed to provide the educational cognitive aspects for a medical student to become a physician. Real experiences in assessing and assisting the care of patients occur during the Undergraduate MD program. To that end, it is essential that learners in the health professions are familiar with what to do in case of an exposure, emergency, injury to themselves or their colleagues/peers/fellow workers.

Each learner is expected to be familiar with the **policies and requirements** that the work place rotation has with respect to:

- Infection with communicable disease
- Exposure to communicable disease
- Exposure to body fluids
- Accidents and WSIB reporting
- Infection Prevention & Control
- Isolation procedures
- Workplace Hazardous Material Information System
- Personal Immunization and Immune status
- Emergency Response Codes

The scheduled orientation for each rotation in Kingston and at each regional site will provide the access to identify the specific updated policies.

The **Emergency Department at Kingston General Hospital** and each **community hospital** within our south eastern region and across Ontario provides 24/7 access for care and advice to health care workers and learners with respect to injury, exposure and post exposure prophylaxis. Each Emergency Department also has 24/7 access to Infectious Disease Consultants for advice.

The Occupational Health and Safety offices of each hospital will provide follow-up for the health care worker and learner. These offices will coordinate required follow-up care in the most appropriate community locations. Further specific advice is available through the immediate physician supervisor, course director, Undergraduate Student Affairs office and the Postgraduate Resident Affairs office.