

UE:COFM STUDENT VEHICLE TRAVEL SAFETY GUIDELINES

Preamble

The curricula of Ontario medical schools will require students to travel in order to complete clinical placements. In approaching travel, students are strongly encouraged to choose the most appropriate method of transportation considering distance to destination, time of day, season, weather conditions, and academic responsibilities. In travel decision making, safety should take precedence, and students are encouraged to discuss with their program any concerns they have regarding specific travel requirements if they feel circumstances present undue risk. Students are referred to their individual schools for policies and procedures for seeking guidance and potential alternative arrangements on travel issues.

Recommendations

The Undergraduate Education Committee of the Council of Ontario Faculties of Medicine (UE:COFM) endorses the following guidelines. Students are strongly advised to review these documents and follow their recommendations:

For specific and contemporary guidelines regarding safe travel, please see the Canadian Automobile Association's Winter Driving Tips: <https://www.caasco.com/-/media/caasco/advocacy/road-safety/winter-driving/pdf/Winter-Driving-Tips.pdf>.

We particularly draw your attending to the Ministry of Transportation's regulations regarding distracted driving: MTO: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/distracted-driving>.