

Elective: Public Health & Preventive Medicine – Manitoba Health, Seniors & Active Living (MHSAL)

OVERVIEW

This elective rotation will offer exposure to Public Health practice at the Provincial level, and will be based at Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living. Specific areas of exposure will include Communicable Disease Control, Environmental Health, Epidemiology and Surveillance, and Population Health and Health Equity. The focus of this elective will be gaining exposure to Public Health policy.

* This elective is available during elective periods for Canadian Medical Schools. Elective duration is a minimum of 4 weeks.

INTRODUCTION

Contact Person:

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES (CanMEDS)

Medical Expert

- Understand the role of a Medical Officer of Health and the practice of Public Health at the Provincial level
- Gain exposure to the areas of communicable disease control, environmental health, epidemiology & surveillance, and public health policy
- Be introduced to legislation relevant to Public Health, and the process for how provincial MOHs can affect change in policy to improve the health of Manitobans
- Gain familiarity with interventions to address Public Health issues
- Recognize and apply concepts of health, population health, determinants of health, health indicators and health status

Communicator

- Recognize the importance of relationships with individuals, organizations, communities and populations.
- Understand principles of risk communication and effective public/media communication.

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Collaborator

- Understand the role of the clinician in the public health system, including reporting cases and outbreaks of communicable diseases, and participating in public health screening programs
- Understand the roles and responsibilities of the professionals in the public health system such as public health nurses and public health inspectors, and the importance of an interprofessional approach.

Leader

- Understand the factors influencing public health resource allocation.

Health Advocate

- Understand the role of the Medical Officer of Health as an advocate for health working within a government organization.

Scholar

- Complete a project and presentation during the rotation

Professional

- Exhibit professional behaviours such as honesty, integrity, commitment, respect

INFORMATION

Required Reading

AFMC Population Health Primer <http://phprimer.afmc.ca/>

Call Responsibilities

No call is required.

Evaluation

- An exit interview will be conducted with the preceptor.
- Preceptor and students will both complete an electronic FITER.

Prior to Elective

Visiting students must complete PHIA prior to the start of their elective (University of Manitoba students will have completed PHIA in pre-clerkship); please make arrangements with Sarah Carriere, the electives administrator, at (204) 789 3820 or ElectivesUGME@umanitoba.ca.

First Day Instructions

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- Please report to the Manitoba Health building at 300 Carlton at 8:30 a.m. Go to the security office on the main floor, and contact administrative assistant Kristin Miller (contact info above) who will come and meet you.
- The objectives and schedule of the elective will be reviewed on the first day of the rotation with the elective preceptor.
- Business casual attire is appropriate (no jeans, please); white coats are not used in this office setting.
- Parking is the responsibility of the student; paid parking is available on the street and in Portage Place parkade.

ROTATION ACTIVITIES

Expectations

There is a requirement for completion and presentation of a small project during this elective. Students will present their project near the end of their elective.

Service Rounds

Students will attend Resident Rounds on Fridays (1:30 – 4:30 p.m. in S102A Medical Services Building, Bannatyne Campus).

Academic Schedule

Students are expected to attend University of Manitoba Department of Community Health Sciences Colloquiums (Fridays from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in Betty Havens seminar room R060 Med Rehab Building, Bannatyne Campus).