

## EMS AT GLASGOW UNIVERSITY

### THE UNDERGRADUATE CLINICAL COURSE AT GLASGOW UNIVERSITY

YEAR	COURSE
<b>Clinical Year one (3<sup>rd</sup> year)</b>	Pathology Microbiology Parasitology Pharmacology Clinical Introduction
<b>Clinical Year two (4<sup>th</sup> year)</b>	Courses in Medicine, Surgery, Reproduction, Public Health and Pathology  Part One: Food Animal and Public Health  Part Two: Companion Animals
<b>Clinical Year three (5<sup>th</sup> year)</b>	Clinical Rotations (all small group teaching) In the Large Animal Clinical Studies Course all students undertake an intensive Core-Course (4-weeks) before undertaking either an additional equine or farm animal clinical course.

### AN OVERVIEW OF THE MANAGEMENT OF EMS AT GLASGOW

Clinical EMS placements are overseen by the Convener of the Faculty Extramural Studies Committee.

Students make their own arrangements with practices and establishments they wish to attend. Sources of information include course teachers, the Directory of Veterinary Practices in the UK, the Faculty's database, the RCVS Find-a-Vet database and fellow students. In addition, students are requested to seek advice from the EMS Adviser as necessary in order to achieve a balance in the types of practice they attend, thus ensuring a broad range of EMS at the most appropriate time.

Students are advised in the Third Year to identify a 'base' practice to which they can return at intervals during each of the three clinical years and to spend normally a minimum of two consecutive weeks in any one practice/placement.

For each placement period the student is required to identify and write down learning objectives which are forwarded in advance to the Placement Supervisor (Extramural Teacher or EMT),

together with a placement record and a letter from the Faculty. The objectives enable the student to seek out learning experiences at the most appropriate time, e.g. in relation to the taught course, and to practise skills which need further development. In appreciating the student's learning needs, the EMT can make appropriate opportunities available to him/her. Placement Supervisors are asked to discuss the learning objectives with the student and decide on those most appropriate for the particular placement. During the placement period the student will seek help, guidance and feedback on his/her progress from the EMT.

The student is required to keep a Personal Record of placements. The practical skills and experience gained are recorded, including practice organisation/professional aspects, as well as clinical techniques and procedures. A record of progress, using a form provided by the student, should be offered for written assessment by the EMT. As a guide, the level of the student's development in mastering techniques and procedures should be recorded using the following system:

- A        competent, further practice unnecessary
- B        significant development of skill, further practice would be beneficial
- C        some development of skill, further practice would be beneficial
- D        little or no development of skill, further practice essential

This section can be completed throughout the placement and, where necessary, by different veterinary surgeons. At the end of the placement brief comments can be added to this section by the EMT who must also sign an Attendance Report certifying that the specified period of EMS has been completed. Comments on the student's interpersonal skills are also helpful. EMTs are invited, where appropriate, to comment on progress with regard to professional/practice aspects, and any suggestions for further development.

The student is required to keep his/her Personal Record available for discussion with the EMS Adviser as necessary.

## **SUMMARY OF INSURANCE COVER PROVIDED BY GLASGOW**

Although the University provides certain insurance cover, students are strongly recommended to become insured through the BVA by becoming a Student Member. Student membership automatically confers cover for personal accident and public liability when undertaking EMS. Students are also advised that they must be covered by a professional indemnity policy, in most cases this will be held by the practice or placement provider within the UK.