

Taster Weeks For Foundation Doctors in Primary Health Care

The aim of the taster week is to expose foundation doctors to Family Medicine in Malta.

They will be exposed to:

The Primary Health Care Team
The routine follow up consultation
The acute problem consultation
The emergency room
The special interest Primary Health Care clinics (Diabetes, Well Baby, Immunization, Psychiatry, Gynae)
The community clinic (Berga)
The home visit (including emergency visits)
The Telephone consultation
Repeat prescriptions
Research in primary Care

Each Taster Week will last 5 days. They will be based at the Community Health Centres of Floriana, Mosta, Paola, Bormla and Rabat. Foundation doctors will be based at one of the above HC's.

The week is based upon 2-3 foundation doctors in each HC at the same time. They will be assigned a GP trainee or senior GP each although some of the taster will be done in groups. Each HC will have a foundation doctor coordinator for the time that the foundation doctors are there.

Day 1

8 - 10.30 meet Senior GP. Explanation of programme and introduction to services offered by the health centre.
Tour of the Health Centre, introduction to individual members of primary health care team.
10.30 - 1 pm Emergency Room with a Senior GP
1-2pm Lunch Break
2-4pm GP Clinic (acute and routine problems)
4pm Evaluation and feedback, explanation of day 2

Day 2

8-9am The GP training course
9-10.30 Repeat prescription clinic
10.30- 1 Home visits
1-2 lunch break
2-4 Emergency room
4pm Evaluation and feedback, explanation of day 3

Day 3

8-1pm Community Clinics (Bereg)

1-2pm lunch break

2-4 GP clinic and telephone conversations

4pm Evaluation and feedback, explanation of day 4

Day 4

8-9 Working with secondary care. Senior GP lead discussion

9-11 Diabetes clinic

11-12 Well Baby Clinic

12-1 Immunisation clinic

1-2 lunch break

2-4 Emergency home visits/emergency room

4pm Evaluation and feedback, explanation of day 5

Day 5

8-10.30 Being a GP in Malta, being a GP trainee, GP's with special interests and research in primary care

10.30-11.30 Psychiatric clinic

11.30-12.30 Gynae Clinic

12.30-1.30pm GP clinic (foundation doctor led)

1.30-2.30 lunch with trainer to discuss cases

2.30. Discussion of cases seen over the week, Evaluation of taster, foundation doctor led question and answer session,

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