Injection Therapy Update for Academic Year 2020-21 – Covid-19 Response

This module has been running successfully for several years and we were disappointed to have to postpone in May 2020. We have a large number of students who are signed up for this module and are keen to offer them the same high quality education that the team is known for. Whilst some details have yet to be finalised, the intention is to offer teaching to 2 cohorts this autumn and another cohort next spring.

We will be teaching with blended learning this autumn. All students will attend interactive remote learning on 10-11 October. This will be carefully structured to ensure the teaching strategies are effective, (use of small group break out rooms etc). Each student will then attend one weekend of face to face teaching on either 14-15 November or 28-29 November.

The face to face teaching will need to comply with all current health and safety requirements. Student numbers in each teaching room will be controlled (reduced from normal) and learning groups will be used to minimise the number of individuals each student will come into contact with. Students must feel safe, so will individually need to complete a pre-attendance declaration of health and consent to attend. We will follow current PPE requirements and do our utmost to offer safe education.

It is also acknowledged that clinical environments have experienced a great deal of change. Whilst we have provisionally set deadlines for assessments, it is crucial that we are responsive to national and personal circumstances. Flexibility is essential.

Please accept our apologies if information has been slow, there is a great deal of uncertainty. If you have any questions, please direct them to <u>msk@essex.ac.uk</u>.

Best wishes,

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