

Other timetabled activities that can occur during secondary care placement 26/27: Years 4 and 5

This document provides information about the most common timetabled activities that may require a student to request additional absence from placement. **Please note: While we have endeavoured to include all relevant information known at time of writing, it is possible that information changes. We will continue to work with year groups to make this information as complete as possible.**

YEAR 4

RRAPID

This occurs during the ACC ICU. It should coincide with days that students are allocated to ANA/SDL placement week on SPARC. If there is any variation from this, please let us know.

Students must attend RRAPID as it is required to get one of their mandatory ACC skills signed off. If students miss RRAPID at their allocated time (e.g. due to illness), they may negotiate with hosts/supervisors to be allowed to miss other placement activity in subsequent weeks. They should only miss placement to attend RRAPID if they do not miss anything critical or that cannot be rescheduled.

Do not worry if it is not possible to release students to attend RRAPID during the rotation – there are opportunities to attend catch up sessions at the end of the year if needed.

SECO Clinics

All students have one opportunity during the year to attend Safe & Effective Clinical Outcomes (SECO) Clinics. These are sessions where students are observed undertaking simulated clinical consultations and given feedback on the clinical/patient outcomes of the consultations.

SECO Clinics are listed on SPARC, and providers should have access to these so they can see in advance when they occur. It appears like a duplicate line on the day of the clinic. The School of Medicine Placements team have contacted providers to provide guidance on how to access this information but if you didn't receive this, please contact Medicine Placements medicine-placements@leeds.ac.uk directly to request support with seeing this information.

GOSH/Round-up lecture

GOSH round-up lecture is University teaching that usually takes place on the penultimate Friday afternoon of each rotation. We know providers usually avoid timetabling placement on that Friday afternoon because of this. We know that some clinical activity on that afternoon is unavoidable (especially sexual health clinics), and we tell students that they must prioritise clinical activity if they have anything timetabled. This session is live streamed and recorded for those unable to get to Leeds in time and/or join at the time. If the session does not fall on that afternoon, we tell providers about the date via the School of Medicine Placements team.

ENQUIRE (formerly known as ESREP)

In **Year 4**, students are permitted one day per placement for Enquire Dissertation work, but only by prior arrangement & agreement with the providers/coordinators of a given placement. It is up to the students to request and confirm these arrangements individually. The Enquire Dissertation is a student-led module and students are expected to take responsibility for the scheduling of time, both with their placement coordinators, and project supervisors.

While we communicate these arrangements in terms of 'days', students are expected to be flexible around the placement timetables; as such this may mean it is more realistic to take two half-days at appropriate times. The expectation is that students will be proactive in seeking to minimise any impact on their placement learning.

It is worth noting that availability for Enquire Dissertation project supervisors can be limited, and it is not always easy for some students to schedule in mutually convenient time. Therefore, we appreciate any flexibility placement providers can provide in helping the students with their scheduling.

Please note: Resit students in Year 4 would attend the Year 5 presentation day. For 26-27, this will be on Thursday 19th November.

To reiterate: specific days or half days a student takes for their Enquire Dissertation during placement (with the exception of the presentation day) are not timetabled or approved by the Enquire team. We expect students to make arrangements with their placement coordinators in advance, taking into account placement requirements and priority teaching, with due professionalism. If a student has failed to make these arrangements with the appropriate professional communication, placement providers do not need to feel obliged to facilitate the student's time away.

Academic Support Sessions

A small number of students in a year group may be invited for additional academic support tutorials with the University, which may occasionally clash with placement. Students attending these sessions are asked to agree this in advance with their providers.

Year 4 Other:

We are aware that there are other times when students will tell placement providers that they need to miss placement. Most often, this is during rotation 5 when students seek to miss placement to attend practice OSCE sessions offered by other placement providers. **To be clear, if students want to take time away from placement, they are expected to seek permission to be absent in the same way as if they were missing for any other reason – i.e. negotiate time off with the placement supervisor and request leave via the Academic Sub-Dean BEFORE the absence and record the absence on Minerva.** However, we know of instances where students have omitted to do this. If placement hosts have concerns about attendance, they should raise with the Year team and we can look in more detail at what is happening and whether we need to take action.

Useful contact

Year 4 MBChB Team Y4mbchb@leeds.ac.uk

YEAR 5

Finals to Foundation

Take place every Monday evening (7pm to 8pm).

ENQUIRE (formerly known as ESREP)

In **Year 5**, students will be permitted one day for each of placements 1 and 2, **by arrangement**. Then, there is the presentation day in November (for 2627 this is **Thursday 19th November**), which takes place at the beginning of placement 3. The presentation day takes place in the Worsley Building on campus. Students are asked to attend on campus either in the morning or the afternoon. Due to the range of different travel arrangements involved for students, we would not expect students to attend any placement teaching in-person on the presentation day. However, if placement providers wished to deliver online teaching to a sub-group of students on this day, they are welcome to contact the Enquire team and we can discuss what is possible, in terms of arranging the times of presentations for particular students.

Only the presentation day in Year 5 (Thursday 19th Nov) is necessitated by the University during a scheduled placement. For Enquire Dissertation days other than the presentation day, students are expected to make arrangements with placement coordinators in advance. Please see the Enquire Section in the Year 4 information above for further details.

Immediate Life Support (ILS)

Current scheduled sessions include:

- 1st October 2026
- 2nd October 2026
- 8th October 2026
- 13th October 2026
- 22nd October 2026
- 27th October 2026
- 28th October 2026
- 29th October 2026
- 24th November 2026
- 25th November 2026
- 26th November 2026
- 27th November 2026
- 8th December 2026

RRAPID/Hold the Bleep (HTB) sessions

RRAPID/HTB have been combined into 1 day to be more efficient:

- Thursday 26th November 2026
- Friday 4th December 2026
- Tuesday 2nd February 2027
- Thursday 4th Feb 2027

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- Thursday 11th Feb 2027
- Friday 12th Feb 2027
- Monday 15th Feb 2027
- Thursday 18th of Feb 2027
- Monday 22nd Feb 2027
- Tuesday 23rd Feb 2027
- Thursday 25th Feb 2027
- Tuesday 16th March 2027
- Thursday 18th March 2027
- Friday 19th March 2027
- Monday 19th April 2027
- Tuesday 20th April 2027
- Thursday 22nd April 2027

Year 5 Other

- Meds management (10/11/26 & 13/11/26)
- Formative exam on 30/11/26
- Surgical skills workshops (9/3/27, 10/3/27 and 11/3/27)

Useful contact

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