



About the MD program

From 2019, Macquarie University Hospital and MQ Health Clinics will begin to host medical students who are enrolled in the Macquarie University Medical Degree (Macquarie MD). The Macquarie MD is a four-year graduate medical degree that is innovative in its approach.

The program is designed to ensure that our graduates will practice medicine with firm scientific foundations, primary focus on patient and community needs and safety, commitment to interdisciplinary teamwork, global and local health system awareness, cultural adaptability, and competence with daily use of health Information Technology.

The program's first two years focus on biomedical, clinical and social sciences and lay the foundations for clinical practice. This is followed by a third and fourth year in which the focus is on immersion in Australian and international clinical teams.

The Macquarie MD combines innovative educational techniques such as team-based learning, inter-professional learning, simulation learning and competency-based assessment, and early experiential learning with regular clinical placements.

About MQ Health

MQ Health is the first university-led integrated health campus in Australia. With a vision of becoming a world-class health sciences centre, MQ Health brings together clinical care, teaching and research to provide an integrated approach to holistic patient treatment, discovery and continuous learning. The commencement of the Macquarie MD program is the next step in fulfilling our vision.

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Clinical placements at Macquarie University Hospital and MQ Health Clinics

Join us in training the next generation of doctors



Partnering with patients

Strong partnerships with patients and communities provide the rich context that is so vital for excellent medical training.

At MQ Health, we partner with our patients and their families throughout their healthcare journey. Our clinical programs and services coordinate patients' needs from initial consultation at primary care and specialist clinics, imaging and allied health through to inpatient hospital treatment if required.

Our MD clinical placement program is our next step in supporting patients during this journey, where your care and comfort are our priorities. Interactions between our students and our patients are always under the supervision of a fully qualified doctor.

Our students have developed a Student Engagement Charter in consultation with past patients of MQ Health and with key members of the healthcare teams in which their activities will be occurring. It outlines the commitment of the students to the values of MQ Health as they begin more in-depth interactions with patients and members of the teams who provide their care. The charter is designed to embed a professional culture and tradition in this inaugural student cohort and the ones that will follow.



Benefits to patients

Macquarie MD's teaching and training program brings scaled-up services and scaled-up care for patients. The presence of inquisitive students in a clinical setting often stimulates medical teams and supervisors to keep abreast of new developments and consolidate their knowledge as they respond to teaching needs and students' eagerness to learn and to engage in activities of the team.

We aim for the interactions between patients and students to be mutually meaningful, satisfying and enjoyable. Experience and research show that the majority of patients enjoy meeting and talking with medical students and contributing to the learning of the next generation of doctors who will serve our communities and lead to new discoveries in medical science and patient care.

Students can be more available to spend time with patients and to respond to some patient questions. They can provide an extra set of hands in support of a consultant to provide additional or more timely service to a patient. Given MQ Health's academically driven model of care in an integrated healthcare environment, the high quality of training and of trainees enhances a culture in which the quality of care that we provide to our patients continues to advance.

Patient privacy

Macquarie MD student clinical placements have been established to meet the highest standards of professional conduct and the Code of Conduct as laid out by the Medical Board of Australia. The Macquarie MD program falls under the NSW Health Records Information and Privacy Act 2002 and personal patient records will be treated accordingly.

Patient respect, support and privacy are central to the MQ Health way of working. Respectful and effective communication is part of our doctor training with listening, provision of information, discussion, and language and cultural communication needs all being of key importance.

We recognise that patients may not always be comfortable with visitation or observation by our medical students. When a patient's participation is requested, we respect their right to decline.

