



THE UNIVERSITY OF
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SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, FREMANTLE

Doctor of Medicine

Confidentiality Policy

An understanding of, and unstinting adherence to, strict patient confidentiality is critically important to professional medical practice.

Therefore from the first day in medical school, medical students must agree to maintain complete confidentiality for the duration of their program at The University of Notre Dame Australia.

This means that it is inappropriate to discuss any details of specific cases, to which students may be exposed during studies, lessons and clinical placements, with people outside the Notre Dame medical school community. This includes the use of social media.

It is, however, appropriate for students to discuss specific cases with colleagues, for example, University staff and fellow medical students, provided the patient's anonymity is maintained as appropriate.

When writing reports and journals for University assessment and learning requirements students must ensure that patients being referred to cannot be identified.

Students may discuss workplace experiences outside of the Notre Dame community, so long as they speak in broad general terms and ensure that an individual cannot be identified even indirectly (e.g. small town residence, or distinguishing features are not mentioned).

Student Signature and Declaration:

I, (full name)

Student ID No.:

Declare that I have read and will abide by the above policy for the duration of my program at The University of Notre Dame Australia.

Signed: _____

Date: