



Will it change the consultation in any way?

Generally, your consultation will be the same whether a student is present or not. However, your doctor may ask if the student can take your history or examine you. The consultation may take slightly longer than usual.

Do I have to have a medical student present if I don't want to?

No, of course not. It is entirely voluntary and if you would prefer not to have a student observe your consultation please let the secretary and/or your specialist know. Of course, this will not mean you are treated in any way differently.

What other activities can help medical students?

The St Vincent's Clinical School welcomes volunteers for student examinations and tutorials. If you are interested please ask for a consent form or contact us - our details are on the back of this brochure.

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Images Front Cover

Top: Dr Tony Grabs with a final year student seeing Vascular Surgery patients in his rooms.

Middle: Students are well trained in taking histories and performing physical examinations.

Bottom: Professor Terry Campbell with a senior student during his rooms session.

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What is St Vincent's Clinical School?

St Vincent's Clinical School is a teaching facility of the University of New South Wales which is situated on the St Vincent's Campus to supervise clinical teaching for all years of the Medicine degree. Junior students are based mainly in the hospital wards but senior medical students (in their final years) are seeking experiences in community and specialist settings to expand their knowledge prior to graduation. Most of the consultants in St Vincent's Clinic have an affiliation with the University of New South Wales, as a Senior Lecturer, Associate Professor or Professor, in recognition of their contribution to medical student teaching and also medical research.



Associate Professor Eva Segelov is the Director of Medical Student Education at St Vincent's Clinical School. She regularly takes students in her rooms in the Clinic to allow them to interact with Oncology patients who are being treated as outpatients.



Associate Professor Michael Neil with a senior student in his rooms in the St Vincent's Clinic

Why have students in St Vincent's Clinic?

Training of medical students is a vital part of ensuring continuity of high quality health care for the next generation. Senior medical students need to gain experience with real patients in real life situations. Many health encounters occur outside of hospitals, in private rooms. Allowing a senior medical student to sit in on your consultation with your specialist is an invaluable learning experience for them.

Dr Anthony Graham, vascular surgeon at St Vincent's Clinic, with a group of medical students



What can a student gain from attending rooms during my consultation?

Students need to be aware of how patients present and cope with conditions that may not require them to be in hospital. These experiences are best gained from attending private rooms.

We are requesting that you allow a senior medical student to sit in during your visit. Students are very grateful for this opportunity and will afford you every courtesy. Please feel free to give feedback directly to the student and to the supervising doctor.



Dr John Kennedy, an Ophthalmologist at St Vincent's Clinic, instructs our students on use of the slit lamp.

Doesn't this breach doctor-patient privacy/confidentiality?

Medical students are fully trained in privacy, confidentiality and professionalism issues. St Vincent's Clinic fully endorses attendance of senior students in rooms as part of the professional activities of both student and doctor.