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Welcome

Welcome and congratulations on gaining a place to study medicine in Trinity College. We're delighted that you have chosen to study with us and will do all we can to help you settle in. The information provided in this booklet is to assist you in settling into your course and your new life in College.

Who to Contact
For your general queries please feel free to contact the following staff in the School of Medicine office or send your query by email to medadmin@tcd.ie

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Urgent Action to be taken

Medical students are expected to meet a number of course requirements prior to the commencement of their course, including the following:

- You must review and complete the Infectious Disease requirements as outlined in this documentation. The paperwork to be completed can be found at the end of this document.

- Students must obtain Police Certificates for every country/ state/ province they have lived in for 6 months or more since the age of 15 (US and Canadian applicants a local cert will not suffice it must be a National Cert from either FBI or RCMP respectively). The Academic Registry will provide information on submitting these documents to them in your admissions documentation. If you have any questions on this, please contact the Academic Registry at academic.registry@tcd.ie and put Police Clearance in the subject line of the message.

- All students will be required to fulfil the National Vetting Bureau requirements. Instructions on completing this requirement will be provided by Academic Registry.

- The Police Certificate and Garda Vetting documents can be downloaded from the Orientation page of the website; www.tcd.ie/orientation/students/undergraduates/medicine.php

Failure to complete any of these steps will lead to a delay in your registration for the medicine degree course
Infectious Diseases Policy

All students wishing to register on the Medicine degree programme must provide the School of Medicine with evidence of satisfactory immunity to the following infectious diseases as soon as possible after receiving this orientation information and before the end of orientation week (18 September 2017).

Hepatitis B (both Surface & Core results are mandatory)
Hepatitis C
Pulmonary Tuberculosis
Chickenpox
Measles
Mumps
Rubella

The Trinity College Health Service invite all CAO applicants to Medicine to attend any one of the infectious diseases screening clinics or your own GP whereby you can be screened for all infectious diseases listed above, provided you complete and obtain all tests and results in a timely manner, you should be allowed to register on time. Failure to obtain the correct tests and results will lead to delays in registration, which will delay your ability to access campus services such as wi-fi and the library.

To use the College Health screening service you MUST call in advance to make an appointment
Tel: + 353 (1) 8961556 or + 353 (1) 8961591

The infectious diseases screening clinics will be held during the weeks of 29 August to Friday 16 September ONLY on Monday to Friday from 9:30am to 12pm. It is advised that you book for an appointment as soon as possible in order to avoid a delay in your registration.

Cost
All costs must be met by you.

The College Health Service will charge each CAO applicant to Medicine €200 for the following service:

- Blood sample(s) required for screening
- Transportation and retrieval from Blood laboratory
- All necessary follow up vaccinations, to include full Hepatitis B vaccination series, MMR and Mantoux testing where necessary for Tuberculosis & all other tests if required for infectious diseases listed.
- Result interpretation/record on file in College Health Service
- The College Health Service will liaise with the School of Medicine regarding each student’s eligibility to register.
- The fee does not cover the Variva (chicken pox) vaccination should it be required.

Payment can be made by Credit Card, Debit Card, Cheque (payable to “College Health Service TCD”) or Cash.

Alternatively, you may prefer to visit your own GP, which is of course acceptable. However please carefully read the instructions and make sure that you and your GP adhere to them or it may impact your ability to register on time.

- If you prefer to visit your own GP please follow the instructions outlined on pages 17 - 18 of this document.
- If you receive this orientation information after the outlined clinic times, please call the College Health Service immediately and an alternative time may be arranged, if available. If an appointment
is not available for a few weeks, you may want to make arrangements through your GP or local clinic.

How can students meet these requirements?

- Only results from blood samples taken in the six months prior to registration will be accepted.
- Immediately on receipt of an offer of a place to study Medicine at TCD, students should make an appointment with the College Health Service or their GP/Medical Practitioner to request screening for Hep B and Hep C infection.
- **Blood laboratory/Student Consent Form**: Students must sign the ‘Blood Laboratory/Student Consent’ form (page 19 of this document). Students should then ask your GP/Medical Practitioner to return it with the completed Student Immunisation Record (pages 19 -22) and your blood results directly to the student or directly to the School of Medicine.
- Following registration and before commencing clinical contact with patients, students will be required to undergo further testing to determine the effectiveness of their immunity to Hep B. Depending on the results of the tests, students may be required to complete a series of vaccinations or obtain a booster. Details, including costs, will be provided following registration. **Costs must be met by the student.**
- Students should read and, if necessary, give their GP/Medical Practitioner the summary list on pages 17 & 18 of this document. The GP/Medical Practitioner will most likely need to take a blood sample and send it to a laboratory for testing.
- **Please ask your GP/Medical Practitioner to complete the Immunisation record on pages 19 - 22 of this document** to record your vaccination history to date regarding Pulmonary TB, Chickenpox, Measles, Mumps and Rubella.
- All documentation must be returned to the Student Administration Executive Officer in the School of Medicine as soon as possible
- Incomplete documentation will not be accepted and students will not be permitted to register, attend classes, use the library or get connected to campus Wi-fi until completed documentation is received and approved by the Director of College Health.

General information regarding each requirement:

**Hepatitis B (Core & Surface) AND Hepatitis C:**
Students must return satisfactory proof that they are not currently infected with Hep B and C. Students must provide results for both HepB Core & HepB surface – there is no exception to this and all students whom do not provide these results will have their documentation returned to them and will be delayed in their registration.

**Pulmonary Tuberculosis:**
If you have been vaccinated for TB, you will have a ‘BCG’ scar which your GP/Medical Practitioner will record. If you do not have a visible scar your GP will facilitate a Mantoux or IGRA test (enquire with your GP/Medical Practitioner). If you have difficulty obtaining a Mantoux or IGRA test or your result is positive then please return a Chest X Ray.

**Chickenpox, Measles, Mumps and Rubella:**
If you have not have not undergone vaccination for Chickenpox, Measles, Mumps and Rubella you must ask your GP to also screen you for proof of previous infection and evidence of immunity regarding Chickenpox, Measles, Mumps and Rubella. If you have previously been infected with Chickenpox, Measles, Mumps or Rubella you will likely have built up a natural immunity. If your blood results show that you do not have a natural immunity but also prove that you are not currently infected with Chickenpox, Measles, Mumps or Rubella, the School will still permit you to register. **However**, following registration, the School
of Medicine may request that you attend a GP/Medical Practitioner to undergo vaccination for Chickenpox, Measles, Mumps and Rubella if necessary. **All costs must be met by the student.**

Please note that you will not be allowed to register at TCD until the Director of College Health has received and signed off on your completed immunisation documentation. If you have any queries about the immunisation record, please email medadmin@tcd.ie.

You can find the immunisation paperwork that needs to be completed at the end of this orientation document (pages 16 - 21). The completed paperwork should be returned to the Student Administration Executive Officer, School of Medicine, Trinity Biomedical Sciences Institute, Trinity College Dublin, 152-160 Pearse St., Dublin 2, Ireland as soon as possible and before the Orientation week on 19 September 2016 as previously notified.

It is advised that you keep a photocopy of the completed paperwork for your own records.

**Garda/Police Vetting**

Students on courses with clinical, other professional placements or on courses that will bring them into professional contact with children and/or vulnerable adults will be required to undergo vetting by the Garda Síochána, through the Garda Central Vetting Unit, or other relevant police force prior to commencing placements. If, as a result of the outcome of these vetting procedures, a student is deemed unsuitable to attend clinical or other professional placements, he/she may be required to withdraw from his/her course of study.

All incoming students must complete the Garda Declaration and Application form. If you have lived outside Ireland for a period of 6 months (after the age of 15) or more then police clearance will be required from the country or countries in which you have resided. All the completed documented should be return to the Academic Registry. Failure to do this will result in a delay in your registration to the Medicine degree course.

Further information can be found on the Orientation web page:  
https://www.tcd.ie/orientation/students/undergraduates/medicine.php

**Hep B Vaccination Clinics**

Following on from registration all students will be offered Hep B vaccinations with the College Health Service. This is to ensure that all students have adequate immunity from Hep B. Details of these clinics will be circulated to students during semester 1. All students must attend the first clinic where they will be advised if they have sufficient immunity or if they need to attend further clinics.

All students will need to show proof of a titre level that illustrates immunity to Hep B at a level appropriate to healthcare workers, if your titre level is below what is recommended by College Health you will be required to have a booster. **All costs will be met by the student.**

Some students may have already completed their Hep B vaccinations or may be in the process of obtaining them with their own GP. In this case they will still need to attend the first Hep B vaccination clinics to show evidence of their vaccinations or if they have completed the course they will need to show evidence of an adequate Hep B titre level.

It is very important that all students have adequate protection from the Hep B for their own health and safety and of those patients and healthcare workers around them.
Blood Borne Viruses Policy for Medical Students

The transmission of blood borne pathogens within a healthcare setting has become a matter of increasing public concern and interest over a number of years. The Department of Health and Children recommend that medical schools should take account of national guidelines in developing policies for students. In 2005 the government implemented a **Code of Practice for the Prevention of Transmission of Blood Borne Diseases in the Healthcare Setting** ("the Code of Practice"). The guidelines within this policy are compatible with the Department of Health and Children’s Code of Practice. The provisions of that Code of Practice apply to all workers and students in the healthcare setting. Doctors-in-training will be involved in procedures which could result in the transmission of blood borne diseases. This policy is designed to protect such students from acquiring a blood borne virus. In the rare instance where a student has acquired a blood borne virus, this policy will support and manage that student. This will be undertaken with acknowledgement that the protection of patients and the public is paramount.

The School of Medicine, Trinity College Dublin is aware of its overriding duty of care to the public with whom medical students are in close contact with. In the rare circumstances where a student is shown to develop a blood borne virus infection during the course of their studies and is infectious the School of Medicine, TCD will consider all appropriate measures and will do all that is reasonable to accommodate the needs of the student in question, in accordance with statutory requirements. The School is obliged to ensure that reasonable and appropriate measures are taken not only to safeguard the students and their colleagues, but also the patients and members of the public. Safeguarding these groups is of paramount importance.

This document is intended to ensure that all medical students are informed of the policy and procedures being applied by the School of Medicine regarding blood borne viruses. This policy must be read carefully and all medical students must ensure that they make themselves fully aware of the contents. Failure to adhere to the provisions of this policy could, ultimately, result in a student being excluded from the College.

The blood borne policy document will be circulated to all incoming student during the first month of study and will need to be read carefully, the student acknowledgement page signed and returned to the School office.

Professional Practice Agreement

The School of Medicine at Trinity College Dublin must ensure that students abide by a number of School, College and Professional regulations. The Irish Medical Council iterates that ‘Professionalism is central to sustaining the public’s trust in the medical profession’ and these regulations are cognisant of your position as a medical student and future medical practitioner. While the School strives to strike a balance between creating a collegial atmosphere and these requirements, we are bound to meet a number of legal requirements in order to ensure your degree is recognized by national and international professional accreditation bodies.

The online module and additional documents must be reviewed by every student within the School and outlines expectations of academic and professional behaviour. On an annual basis you will be required to sign and return a signed copy of this document in order to indicate your acknowledgment of and agreement to comply with the regulations as outlined and referenced in this document.

Other helpful information
Orientation Week
Orientation week is held the week before lectures commence; 18 - 22 September 2017. The orientation week is an opportunity for students to familiarise themselves with the College and services available to them. During the week a number of important and informative lectures take place including; a full course meeting, getting to know your college, information resourcing & IS Services, professionalism & Medical Council, introduction to Dissection to mention a few. It is advised that all students attend the orientation week.

Student ID Card
A student ID card will be issued to every student once they are fully registered. This card will be used to identify you are a TCD student but also for access to the TBSI building where the majority of your 1st and 2nd year studies will take place. The Student ID Card is issued by the Academic Registry.

School of Medicine Student Record
Each incoming first med student is required to complete a student record card for the School of Medicine; these cards are kept in the School office and contain your contact information, published modules results, prizes awarded and also a record of any absence.

During the orientation week you will be required to complete this student card so please ensure you have a recent passport size photograph.

Personal Tutor
All incoming undergraduates are assigned a personal tutor on entry and their details will be provided on the MyTCD portal. Your College Tutor will provide confidential information, help and advice during your time in Trinity on topics such as:

- Changing course
- Exam results
- Taking a year out
- Family problems
- Financial difficulties
- Illness, bereavement
- Appeals
- Disability

Essentially, your tutor can help with anything that gets in the way of you achieving your full potential. Your tutor will also act as a portal and help you contact other student support services. Find out more at www.tcd.ie/Senior_Tutor

Study Guide
A study guide for each medical year is produced and available on Blackboard from the beginning of the year to students. The study guide contains important and invaluable information pertaining to that year of study. The study guide gives an overview of the academic year structure, descriptors for each module, school policies, prizes and awards/distinctions, general information and sources of support within College.

Timetables & Group Teaching
Throughout the Medicine course you will be provided with your timetable through Blackboard. You will receive both an overall timetable from the School, showing all scheduled learning activities, and then module timetables with lecture titles and lecturer names. Each student will be assigned to groups for practicals and tutorials, and in later years – clinical teaching. Your group assignments will usually be published in the first week of teaching.

Blackboard

Blackboard is a learning management system which is structured in a modular format: each module and year you are enrolled in has a presence on Blackboard. Some of the content that can be found on Blackboard includes:

- An overview of each year including; a breakdown of the modules, timetable and student handbook, other relevant information for that year.
- An overview of each module; slides/lecture notes are posted by lecturers, any handbooks/learning material associated with the module, a breakdown groups where required.
- School of Medicine overall information page; relevant TCD links, relevant student information; staff contact details, directions to Hospital sites etc.
- Announcements can be made directly to students registered to Blackboard by either the module or year they are registered to.

You can access your modules by logging onto https://mymodule.tcd.ie and entering your college username and password to log in.

Student Information System - MyTCD

As part of your application and registration process, you have likely accessed MyTCD. My TCD will be the system you utilise for the following items:

- All communications from College will be sent to you via your online portal which will give you access to an ‘intray’ of your messages.
- All fee invoices/payments, student levies and commencement fees will be issued online and all payments will be carried out online.
- Examination timetables and locations will be made available to you shortly before each examination period.
- You will be able to view your personal details in the new system – some sections, such as your contact information, you will be able to amend as appropriate
- A majority of your end of year module marks will also be published via MyTCD.

Services available to you

Accommodation

One of the first issues for an incoming Trinity College student is finding somewhere to live. There are a large number of rooms available for first year undergraduate students at the University residence at Trinity Hall. Trinity Hall is a large, friendly complex with its own Junior Common Room which organises many social activities and outings. Situated 4km from the city centre, Trinity Hall accommodates over 1,000 students in shared single or twin apartments. For further information please visit https://www.tcd.ie/accommodation/StudentsandStaff/Students/TrinityHall/

- How to apply
  Applications for all Trinity College accommodation are made on line. In order to apply you must
have your Trinity College Student ID number. Once you have been accepted to study at Trinity you will receive an official letter of offer which will include this number (which will take the form of 17xxxxxx). Please note that you may not apply online until you have accepted your place.

- **To apply, look up the following link:**
  [https://www.tcd.ie/accommodation/StudentsandStaff/Students/ApplyforaRoom/](https://www.tcd.ie/accommodation/StudentsandStaff/Students/ApplyforaRoom/)

- **Other options for first-year students**
  For students who do not apply for or do not secure a place in College accommodation the alternative is to seek private rented accommodation, usually sharing an apartment or a house with other students.
  The Accommodation Advisory Service operates annually from late August to the beginning of term in cooperation with the Students' Union. It provides information and contacts for students wishing to secure rented accommodation and offers guidance on what to look for when renting. Phones are provided so that students may make contact with landlords. The Advisory Service may also be able to give some information on digs or lodgings (residing in a room in a house with meals provided).

- **For further information and advice see**
  [www.tcd.ie/accommodation/StudentsandStaff/UsefullInformation/PrivateRentedAccommodation](http://www.tcd.ie/accommodation/StudentsandStaff/UsefullInformation/PrivateRentedAccommodation)

**Student Learning & Development**
Student Learning Development is here to help you develop and master the academic skills to succeed at Trinity. The supports available include:
Free workshops throughout the year on a variety of topics for students from all departments. Look out for emails from Student Learning advertising days and times
Workshop materials and other great learning resources including podcasts on our open-access Blackboard module 'ACADEMIC SKILLS FOR SUCCESSFUL LEARNING’. Topics include:
- Time management
- Presentation skills (incl poster presentations)
- Procrastination and Concentration
- Effective study skills
- Writing skills
One-to-one appointments – meet with a learning advisor to discuss your study issues.
For more information or to register for the open access Blackboard module please visit [http://student-learning.tcd.ie](http://student-learning.tcd.ie)

**The Student Counselling Service**
The Student Counselling Service (SCS) is here to help you to manage any difficulties you are experiencing so you can enjoy and fully participate in your academic course, social life and other college activities. The SCS is a confidential, professional service available free of charge to every registered Trinity College. Many students report an improved wellbeing and more enjoyment of their College experience having availed of some of the counselling support services on offer. The SCS provides a space for you to help yourself.

Services available at the Student Counselling Services:
- One to One Counselling Appointments
- Workshops to help students improve self-confidence, learn about self-management and reduce stress
- Wellbeing Groups to beat anxiety & low mood and a bereavement support group
- Self Help Support Groups facilitated by organisations such as Aware, Bodywhys, Console and OCD Ireland
- Online Interactive Programmes for anxiety, low mood and eating distress issues, body image, with weekly confidential support from a counsellor and a self-help programme for monitoring your drinking. To find out more and register for the online programmes see the ‘online support options’ section of the student counselling website http://www.tcd.ie/Student_Counselling/online-support/
- MP3 Audio files for download on topics such as Mindfulness and Relaxation
- Self Help Resources on a variety of issues

Students seek support from the Student Counselling Service for many reasons, including the following Anxiety/Stress, Sadness/Depression, Relationship Issues/sexuality, Academic Worries, Concentration/Motivation, Family Difficulties, Bereavement, Eating problems, Loneliness/Isolation, Shyness & Confidence Problems, Bullying, Substance Abuse, Suicidal Thoughts/Feelings, Exam Anxiety, difficulties with transition into College Life/Cultural Difficulties / homesickness or simply to explore ways to improve their wellbeing and integration into college life. Visit the SCS website on www.tcd.ie/student_counselling to learn more about available services and let us know if we can help you to help yourself.

**Student 2 Student (S2S)**

From the moment you arrive in College right the way through to your end of year exams Student 2 Student (S2S) is here to make sure your first year is fun, engaging and a great foundation for the rest of your time in Trinity. You'll meet your two S2S mentors in Freshers’ Week and they'll make sure you know other people in your course before your classes even start. They'll keep in regular touch with you throughout your first year and invite you to events on and off campus. They'll also give you useful information about your course and what to look out for. Mentors are students who have been through first year and know exactly what it feels like, so you never have to worry about asking them a question or talking to them about anything that’s worrying you. S2S also offers trained Peer Supporters if you want to talk confidentially to another student or just to meet a friendly face for a coffee and a chat. Please visit their website at http://student2student.tcd.ie

**New 2 Dublin**

This group is for students who are new to Dublin (both international and Irish) as well as those who have already spent part or some of their life in Dublin and would like to meet other nationalities. Meeting people with New2Dublin is very easy and you will find a friendly and easygoing atmosphere. At each event you will find two organizers (who are also students) who will welcome you, introduce you to others and who will answer any questions you might have including information about College, where you can get the best deals, and lots of useful cultural and practical information. The regularly organized events are varied to suit everybody, regardless of age, nationality, religion, and status. Please see http://student2student.tcd.ie/meet-ups/ for details on when and where.

**Disability Service**

Trinity College Dublin is committed to a policy of equal opportunity in education and to ensuring that students with a disability have as complete and equitable access to all facets of College life as can reasonably be provided. Students with a disability are encouraged to register with the Disability Service to disclose any condition for which they may need support in order to ensure their ability to participate fully in all aspects of the course. Support available to students with disabilities includes:
- Needs assessment on entry to determine any additional learning requirements.
• Assistive technology training and technology rooms in College libraries.
• Liaison with your tutors/lecturers to help arrange accessible programme materials.
• UNILINK: a practical occupational therapy support service for students registered with the Disability Service. Unilink supports students managing the academic and social demands of their student role. For more information: www.tcd.ie/disability/services/ Unilink/index.php
• Comprehensive information about the full range of services is available from: www.tcd.ie/disability

Optional Learning Opportunities

Biology Support Classes
If you did not study Biology, we recommend that you do some preliminary reading or try some online preparation.

The topics

*Essential Cell Biology* (4th Edition) by Alberts *et al.*, is recommended for those who have not studied Biology. The first 2-3 chapters are written from a chemistry perspective and will allow you discover the underlying relationship between the areas and give you a good basis to apply your study.

The medical student advice is that Khan Academy biology course is useful to supplement this. [https://www.khanacademy.org/science/biology](https://www.khanacademy.org/science/biology)

During your first semester there is opportunity to take part in Biology support tutorials. The classes are held once a week and are conducted in an informal manner which encourages questions and student engagement. The topics covered directly compliment the lecture courses; however topics are altered regularly depending on student feedback.

Broad Curriculum
Broad Curriculum cross-faculty (BC) and Language modules provide students with the opportunity to study outside their principle discipline. BC modules are available covering the following subjects: art, business, contemporary Asian studies, European studies, gender & society, Greek art & architecture, history, Irish cinema, linguistics, literature, philosophy, planet earth, political science, psychology, roman art & architecture, science & technology and theology.

First Aid Course
All new entrants to the Faculty of Health Sciences are invited to attend a First Aid Course which is run by St John Ambulance. The course is made up of six sessions followed by an examination; all students who successfully complete the course will be awarded a Certificate by the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

Activities to get involved in

School of Medicine Dinner
All incoming first med students are invited to attend the School of Medicine first year’s dinner. The invitation is from the Head of the School of Medicine. The dinner is usually held in the Dining Hall on the main College campus around the end of October beginning of November. The School dinner gives all incoming students a chance to socialise with your peers and some of the administration and academic staff from the School.
MedDay
Med Day is run by the Biosoc (DU Biological Association) which is Trinity’s Medical Society organise. Med Day is a huge fundraising day for medically related causes which events for the whole of College to enjoy. Med Day is usually run around November each year.

Fresher’s week (coincides with Orientation Week)
Incoming Trinity students can expect to be greeted by the infamous Trinity Fresher’s week, filled with daytime and night-time entertainment giving you a real taste of what Trinity and the capital city has to offer. The Ents officer provides entertainment throughout the year including weekly nights out in Dublin’s best nightclubs, comedy nights, Ireland’s biggest mystery tour, as well as plenty of other events for you to enjoy.

Student Societies
There is more to the Trinity experience than lectures and study. One of the core elements of student life is the range of activities organised by students for students. Trinity’s 120 student societies, covering a broad range of interests from the Zoological Society to Trinity TV, constitute the most dynamic and active set of university student societies in Ireland.
You can try your hand at everything from gaming to literature, get involved at all levels with dance and drama, perfect your debating skills or play an instrument with the Trinity Orchestra, Jazz Society or Alternative Music Society. Why not learn about photography, take part in an exhibition or write and direct your own film?

Students Union
Trinity’s Students’ Union is the student-led organisation which seeks to promote and protect the interests of students in the College while also offering an outlet to ensure that students get the most out of the ‘Trinity Experience’.
The Students’ Union represents your views and interests to College on a variety of issues, such as tuition fees, library opening hours, accommodation and the provision of student services. Representatives from the Students’ Union (SU) sit on all administrative committees of the College, ensuring the student voice is always heard and decisions made by College take into consideration the needs and wants of students.

Trinity Ball
The year is capped off with the most anticipated event on the Trinity events calendar, namely, the Trinity Ball. This is a night not to be missed, with the College transformed into a festival site for one night only and performances from internationally renowned artists.
Jargon Buster

In the first few weeks at College, you will be bombarded with a mind numbing array of abbreviations, titles and place names. If you are an enquiring student you may like to know what they mean but be too embarrassed to ask. Well, here they are like they have never been explained before. Dazzle your classmates with the speed of your assimilation into your new environment.

**Almanack** - Calendar of important dates. Despite the old-fashioned name, it is online.  
**AR** - Academic Registry, located in the Watts Building.  
**Aras an Phiarsaigh (or-ass on feer-sig)** - Irish. Literally “Big-house on Pearse Street”. Behind the Printing House. Home of the Business School, Psychology, some Engineering and the IT Service Desk. Has a small café in the foyer while you are waiting to chat to the IT Service Desk.  
**Arts Building** - AKA "Arts Block". A nineteen seventies listed architectural masterpiece. Contains large lecture theatres downstairs (named after distinguished past students), small ones upstairs, and Arts Faculty staff.  
**Beckett Theatre** - Wooden theatre attached to Drama Studies beside Aras an Phiarsaigh where you can enjoy theatrical delights at reasonable prices.  
**Calendar** - Book of rules, regulations, staff members, awards and yes, a few dates (see Almanack). The Bible of Trinity, if you like...  
**Campanile** - Bell tower in Library Square. Stands on the foundations of the original All Hallows monastery on which College was built.  
**Chapel** - Mirror image of the Exam Hall on Front Square. It actually is a chapel and regularly used by the major Christian faiths and for ecumenical services. (Students of other faiths can talk to the Chaplains in House 27 regarding the location of their faith services).  
**Commencement** - Graduation ceremony, as in commencing your career as a graduate.  
**Commons** - On-campus meal served in the Dining Hall.  
**College Health Centre** -Located near Beckett Theatre – to look after your health and well being  
**College Park** - Large oval lawn in front of the Pav. Used for cricket and athletics and sitting around in summer when the sun is out (or not, as the case may be).  
**Colours** - Inter-university events competing with UCD.  
**CSC** - Central Societies Committee. People in charge of societies (located in House 6).  
**Dining Hall** - Large building between the GMB and the Chapel. Contains the Buttery, the Scholars’ dining hall, the staff dining hall and staff rooms upstairs (known as the Senior Common Room), an open meeting area called the Atrium constructed after fire damage, and a bank (one of two on campus, the other is in the Hamilton Building). ATMs are located near the banks.  
**DU** - Dublin University. Trinity College is the only college of Dublin University. Not to be confused with UCD or DCU. Just say Trinity College.  
**DUCAC** - Dublin University Central Athletics Club. The people in charge of sports clubs (located on 2nd Floor of the Sports Centre).  
**East End** - Also commonly referred to as the "Hamilton End" or the Hamilton Building, this is the part of campus that runs alongside Westland Row. The East End also contains the Watts Building, where the Academic Registry is located.  
**Exam Hall** - In Front Square. Also known as the Public Theatre. Georgian building still used for exams and official functions. Very grand inside. You have your own grand formal room and family portraits now that you are a student of TCD.  
**Fellows** - Male and female. Trinity College Dublin was founded in 1592 as a corporation consisting of the Provost, the Fellows and the Scholars. Fellows are elected by their peers each year. Scholarship or research achievement of a high order is the primary qualification for Fellowship, coupled with evidence of the candidate's contribution to the academic life of the College and an effective record in teaching.
Front Square  - Also known as Parliament Square. The two grass areas & cobblestones between Front Gate & the Campanile.

GMB - Graduate Memorial Building. The neo-gothic building beside the Buttery, home to the debating societies the Hist and the Phil (or is it around the other way?)

Goldsmith Hall  - Sometimes called Goldhall. Off-campus building on Pearse St where some societies have rooms. Home to the JCR (Junior Common Room) as well, cheap sandwiches & pool tables a-plenty. Goldsmith Hall is also student residences.

IT Services  - The department that provide you with your Trinity computer account and manage the IT facilities in Trinity - https://www.tcd.ie/itservices.

International phone access code - For Ireland it is 353, drop the “0” from STD codes so TCD is +353 1 8961000.

Junior Dean  - No reference to age. Responsible for student discipline on campus. You have rights and obligations under College regulations.

Junior Freshmen  - Male and female. First year undergraduate students of any age. College undergraduates are divided into two tiers; Freshmen and Sophisters, hence Senior Freshman (2nd undergraduate year), Junior Sophisters (3rd undergraduate year) and Senior Sophisters (final undergraduate year). The terms 1st year, second year etc., refer to postgraduate years.

Michaelmas, Hilary, and Trinity Terms  - Michaelmas is first term, Hilary is second term, and Trinity is the third term.

Parliament Square  - Also known as Front Square. Built a very long time ago with money provided by the Irish Parliament when it was located over the other side of College Green in what is now a bank. The revolutionary efforts, by some past Trinity graduates among others, to set up an Irish Parliament, made home rule untenable.

Pink  - The award you may be given if you have represented the College in a sport.

Public Theatre  - Aka Exam Hall, located in Front Square.

Regent House - Front Gate - the main entrance to college.

Rugby Ground  - Large rectangular lawn behind New Square. Oldest continuously used rugby club and ground in the world (1854). examinations, etc for undergraduate students.

Schol  - Scholarship examinations held in the break between Michaelmas and Hilary Terms. Scholarships are funded in part from rents on land in Ireland set aside for that purpose by Queen Elizabeth the First when Trinity was set up in 1592. Farsighted, wasn’t it?

Scholars - Foundation  - Students who get a 1st in scholarship exams & are elected to the governing body of College (only 70 at any one time).

Scholars - Non-foundation  - Students who achieve a 1st in scholarship exams but are not on the governing body of College (most scholars).

Sports Centre - Huge, brand new sports complex at Hamilton end of College.

SU Students' Union  - An organisation run by your fellow students to represent your views, protect your rights and provide the services that make college life run more smoothly.

The Buttery  - Large and noisy café underneath the Dining Hall for students and visitors. One of several cafés and shops on campus.

The Old Library  - The home of the Book of Kells and other 8th Century illuminated biblical manuscripts. The Long Room is upstairs. Go see and marvel.

The Pav  - Short for Pavilion. The only remaining on-campus bar, at the Hamilton end of the cricket pitch.

Watts Building  - Inside what used to be (and often still is) referred to as the Hamilton Building, where many science lecture theatres and departments are located. The Watts Building is also home to the Global Room and the Academic Registry.

1st, 2.1, 2.2,etc. - Academic grades for your assignments and examinations.  More details will be found in your course handbooks.
Dear Doctor

The School of Medicine, Trinity College Dublin would be most grateful if you would screen your patient for the items listed below. Students who do not have these details submitted to the School **before the end of the orientation week 18 September 2017** will not be permitted to register, attend classes, use the library or get connected to campus WiFi.

1) Hepatitis B s Antigen (HBsAG)
2) Anti HB Core Antigen (Anti-HBc)

*Please note that ALL students including those resident in N. Ireland & UK must return both Hep B Blood results to the Medical School (i.e. Hep B Core and Hep B Surface)*

*Applications without these results will not be accepted, delaying the student’s registration. Hep B Core and Hep B Surface results are mandatory and strictly required.*

3) Negative Hepatitis C antibody test.
4) Complete the immunisation record (provided by your patient) and if necessary screen for Pulmonary Tuberculosis, Chickenpox, Measles, Mumps and Rubella.

- In regard to Pulmonary Tuberculosis, please record if the student has a visible BCG-Scar. If not, the student must undergo a Mantoux or IGRA Test. If a Mantoux or IGRA test is not possible or the result is found to be positive, a Chest X ray will be required.

- If the patient has not been vaccinated against Chickenpox, Measles, Mumps and Rubella please also screen your patient for previous exposure to each of these infections. Evidence of immunity must be provided before **the end of the orientation week 18 September 2017** in order for the student to be allowed to register.

If **resident in the Republic of Ireland** please send the blood sample to

Department of Clinical Microbiology
Central Pathology Laboratory
St James’s Hospital
Dublin 8.

If **resident in N. Ireland** please send the blood sample to

The Regional Virus Laboratory
Royal Victoria Hospital
Grosvenor Hospital
Belfast BT12 6BN
In all cases – the lab results must be returned directly to your office/practice and coupled with the forms included in this documentation (pages 16 - 21).

What is required when blood results are returned from the laboratory:

- If a positive Hep B result is found, a follow-up Hepatitis B e-antigen (HBeAG) test will be required ASAP and the results sent on to the School of Medicine ASAP.

- If a positive Hepatitis C antibody result is found, a negative PCR test for Hepatitis C RNA will be required and the results sent on to the School of Medicine ASAP.

- Please return all final required blood results (along with Lab paperwork), immunisation record (chest X ray if necessary) and student consent form to our address below or to the student, who may then send it on to us:

  Student Administration Executive Officer  
  School of Medicine  
  Trinity Biomedical Sciences Institute  
  Trinity College Dublin  
  152-160 Pearse Street  
  Dublin 2

Due to the nature of the documentation being sent forward we recommend you use a trackable postal method and retain copies of tracking numbers.

Responsibility for payment for these tests rests with your patient.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.
Blood laboratory form/student consent

To the student:

Students’ Name: (Surname) (First Name)

CAO / Application Number

Address: Contact Phone/Mobile Number:

Email-address:

Date of Birth: Day Month Year

I hereby consent to the results of my Hepatitis B s Antigen (HBsAG), Anti HB Core Antigen (Anti-HBc) and negative Hepatitis C antibody blood tests being sent directly to the Student Administration Executive Officer, School of Medicine, Trinity Biomedical Sciences Institute, Trinity College Dublin, Dublin 2.

I also consent to the original documentation being transferred to the Trinity College Student Health Service for safekeeping after entry, where it will be held as part of my confidential medical file and may be consulted by me on request.

Signed: ________________________________ (Prospective student)

Date: ________________________________

To the doctor:

Please return the following ASAP

- Signed consent letter
- Official laboratory blood results
- Completed Immunisation record (Chest X ray if necessary) to:
  Rowena Newman
  Student Administration Executive Officer
  School of Medicine
  Trinity Biomedical Sciences Institute
  Trinity College Dublin
  152-160 Pearse Street
  Dublin 2, Ireland.
STUDENT IMMUNISATION RECORD

Please ask your Physician/General Practitioner to complete this medical report form and seal it in an envelope marked confidential & for the attention of the Student Administration Executive Officer in the School of Medicine.

Please complete this form using BLOCK CAPITALS only.

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**Hepatitis B Status – Documentation, including lab reports & results, required**

**Hepatitis B s Antigen (HBsAG)**

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**Hepatitis B Vaccine (if previously administered - three doses required)**

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## Hepatitis C Status - Documentation required

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## Proof of Immunity to Tuberculosis

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If you do not have a BCG-Scar, please undergo a **Mantoux**

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If **positive** Mantoux Tuberculin skin test but no history of BCG, undergo a **Chest X Ray**

| **Date** | Day | Month | Year | **Result:** |

## Immunity to Measles, Mumps and Rubella

If you have had any MMR vaccinations before, please state the dates below.

1. **Measles Vaccine:**

   | **Date** | Day | Month | Year | **or Titre** |

2. **Measles Vaccine:**

   | **Date** | Day | Month | Year | **or Titre** |

1. **Mumps Vaccine:**

   | **Date** | Day | Month | Year | **or Titre** |

2. **Mumps Vaccine:**

   | **Date** | Day | Month | Year | **or Titre** |
Important

Students accepted into Medicine must produce a negative Hepatitis B virus infection result [i.e. Hepatitis B s Antigen (HbsAG) and Anti HB Core Antigen (Anti-HBc) or in the presence of a positive (HbsAG) a negative (HbeAG) and negative HBV-DNA result] and also a negative Hepatitis C antibody test [and if positive, a negative PCR test for Hepatitis C RNA] carried out before being permitted to register with the College. Failure to do so will delay registration and students may incur a late registration fee. Overseas applicants are advised to undergo testing in their home country and to forward the result to the School of Medicine. The College reserves the right to retest prior to admission. Retesting may delay registration.

Office use only

Student is allowed to register  Y [ ] N [ ]

Signature:
Student Check List

☐ You make an appointment with GP/Medical Practitioner, immediately on offer of a place.
☐ You complete and sign the ‘Blood Lab/Student Consent’ form and give to GP/Medical Practitioner
☐ You give your GP/Medical Practitioner the explanatory letter regarding blood testing
☐ You complete and have completed forms listed below:
  - Blood results (with Official lab paperwork)
  - Signed Student Consent form
  - Completed Immunisation record
☐ You post or arrange the posting of above documents to:
  Student Administration Executive Officer
  School of Medicine, Trinity Biomedical Sciences Institute
  Trinity College Dublin
  152-160 Pearse Street, Dublin 2
☐ The completed paperwork must be received by the School of Medicine office as soon as possible and before the orientation week (18 September 2017).

***REMEMBER***

It is YOUR responsibility to make sure the above mentioned documents are sent to the School of Medicine before the end of the Orientation week 18 September 2017. Neither your GP nor hospital is in charge of this. Blood results SHOULD NOT be sent from the laboratory to the School of Medicine or TCD College Health (the exception to this is for entrants whom are completing their tests directly with College Health). Blood results MUST be returned to your GP and it is YOU who should post them to the School at the address above.

The most common cause for delays is when the GP asks the lab to send results directly to the School of Medicine/College Health; when all necessary bloods are not requested by the GP; and/or when incomplete documentation is sent – this often causes registration delays of 4-6 weeks.

Please note that it generally takes a few weeks for blood tests to be processed, you should endeavour to have your appointment as early as possible after accepting your offer.

Delayed registration means you cannot use the library or get connected to campus Wi-fi and should the delays be significant you will be barred from attending labs and practicals.

When will I know if I am permitted to register?
Registration for all students will take place during the week of 18 - 22 September 2017. Orientation takes place during this week and we strongly urge you to attend.

When you have completed all of the pre-registration requirements for Medicine students and submitted appropriate documentation, you will be invited to register. Registration will take place online. The dates for online registration will be published by Academic Registry. There will be registration clinics during the Orientation to assist you in the Registration process.