

Who are we looking for?

We are looking for patients who are happy to allow students to record their medical histories and in some cases, carry out physical examinations. Volunteers can attend sessions just once or twice a year or, if they wish, can choose to be more active participants.

The Volunteer Patients we are looking for are people with a wide range of conditions or illnesses.

Here is an example of some of those:

- **Neurological problems:** for example, Parkinson's disease, previous stroke, previous spine or brain surgery, peripheral neuropathies.
- **Heart problems:** for example, angina, myocardial infarction, heart failure, hypertension, peripheral vascular disease, valve disease.
- **Chest/breathing problems:** for example, asthma, COPD, pulmonary fibrosis, restrictive lung disease.
- **Endocrine problems:** for example, thyroid problems, goitre, diabetes type 1 and type 2.
- **Gastrointestinal problems:** for example, inflammatory diseases (Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis), stoma, liver problems.
- **Kidney problems:** for example, somebody who has received a kidney transplant, polycystic kidney disease.
- **Joint problems:** for example, rheumatoid arthritis, severe osteoarthritis.
- **Dermatological problems:** for example, psoriasis, eczema.
- **Breast problems:** for example, previous breast surgery.

If you would like to be involved and your condition does not appear on the list we would still be delighted to hear from you.

Strictly confidential

Please be reassured that as a Volunteer Patient your information remains strictly confidential at all times and your dignity will always be forefront of our minds.

Each Volunteer Patient who takes part will be well looked after and provided with refreshments and free parking.

Additionally, everyone who takes part will receive a small token to say 'thank you' for giving up your time to help our medical student's progress.

Register with us

If you are interested in helping us and would like to register your interest in becoming a Volunteer Patient, please contact us and we'll get in touch with more details.

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Would you like to help train the North West's next generation of doctors?



WE NEED VOLUNTEER PATIENTS

We are looking for Volunteer Patients...

Volunteer patients are an essential part of medical training. Your participation is extremely valuable.

The University of Central Lancashire School of Medicine trains undergraduate medical students to become doctors. An important part of their medical training is patient contact and medical examination skills.

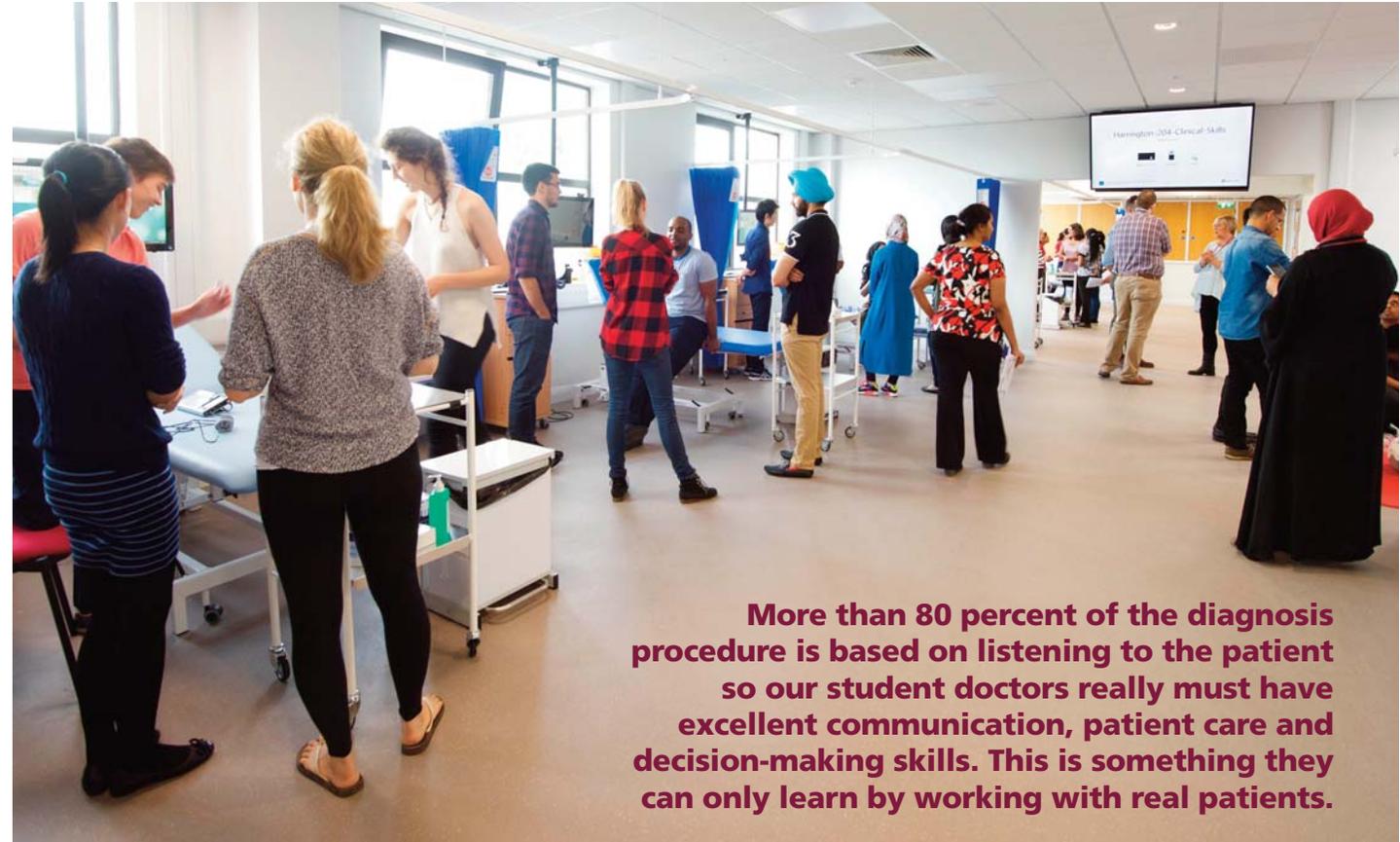
The length of the session is usually 3 hours however could be a full day if you are willing. This will involve the medical student listening to and sometimes physically examining each volunteer patient individually with a doctor or other health professional present. Examinations may include: listening to your chest and heart, testing your reflexes, or examining your eyes and ears.

Throughout the year we hold events for those who have registered their interest in becoming a volunteer patient. At these events, we can assess your suitability for involvement in teaching or examinations.



We train each one of our students to the highest possible standard of patient care. Volunteer Patients help our students to become competent practitioners.

We are looking for willing volunteers to take part in the student teaching or assessment sessions. In this way, we can see how medical students examine and communicate with real patients and to check that they do so in a professional, courteous and accurate manner.



More than 80 percent of the diagnosis procedure is based on listening to the patient so our student doctors really must have excellent communication, patient care and decision-making skills. This is something they can only learn by working with real patients.