

## Registering with a General Practitioner (GP)

The College requires all students to register with a local NHS GP Surgery (General Practitioner Surgery). Registering with a GP in Cambridge does not stop you from consulting your family doctor during vacations although you will be asked to complete a temporary resident form on these occasions.

Below are the details of a few GP Surgeries that are closest to Sidney Sussex and/or close to the lecture sites. Further options can be found [here](#).

GP Surgery	Online Registration information
Bridge Street Medical Centre, 2 All Saints Passage (off Bridge St). <a href="http://www.bridgestreetmedicalcentre.com">www.bridgestreetmedicalcentre.com</a>	<a href="https://www.bridgestreetmedicalcentre.com/registration/">https://www.bridgestreetmedicalcentre.com/registration/</a>
Newnham Walk Surgery, Wordsworth Grove. They have a 2 <sup>nd</sup> surgery in the City Centre on the 1 <sup>st</sup> floor of Boots pharmacy. <a href="http://www.newnhamwalksurgery.nhs.uk">www.newnhamwalksurgery.nhs.uk</a>	<a href="https://www.newnhamwalksurgery.nhs.uk/new-patients-2">https://www.newnhamwalksurgery.nhs.uk/new-patients-2</a>
Trumpington Street Medical Practice, Trumpington Street. <a href="http://www.trumpingtonstreetmedicalpractice.co.uk">www.trumpingtonstreetmedicalpractice.co.uk</a>	<a href="https://www.trumpingtonstreetmedicalpractice.co.uk/join-the-practice">https://www.trumpingtonstreetmedicalpractice.co.uk/join-the-practice</a>

Please ensure you prioritise registering with a GP as soon as you can, rather than waiting until you need to see a doctor.

**UK Students:** It is recommended that you register online with your new surgery **ONE WEEK BEFORE** coming to Cambridge (you shouldn't do this earlier in case you need to see a GP before leaving home). Please note that once you complete online registration your medical notes will transfer to your new surgery so make sure

that you have adequate supplies of any prescription-only medicine that you require before you switch surgeries.

**Non-UK Students:** You can complete an online GP registration at your chosen surgery at any time before you arrive in the UK but please do this at least a week before you are due to arrive.

### **To register at a local GP surgery, you will need the following information:**

- NHS card or NHS number (UK Nationals and anyone who has registered with a GP in the UK previously will have an NHS number).
- Non-UK students who have not registered with a GP in the UK previously will receive an NHS number following GP registration. Keep your NHS number safe as you will only ever get one NHS number. Please see link for more information about NHS entitlement as an overseas student:  
<https://www.internationalstudents.cam.ac.uk/arriving/healthcare-uk> and direct any queries you have about this to the International Student Office
- Name and address of your previous GP.
- A copy of your immunisation history (obtainable from your existing GP).
- Once you have registered, please update your records on [GP Registration Form](#)

### **Additional Information for Non-UK Students**

#### **Long Term Health Conditions**

As well as the above, please bring documentary evidence from your doctor (in English) as confirmation for any existing long term health conditions. If you have long term health concerns, you should ask for an appointment to discuss your needs. The GP will give you relevant information about clinics, vaccines or prescriptions.

#### **Ongoing Medication**

If you are receiving medical treatment or taking medication, bring with you a doctor's certificate (in English) confirming the treatment and/or any medication you are receiving. If you need ongoing medication in the UK, the GP surgery will explain how they arrange repeat prescriptions for when you are anticipating your first supply of medication to run out. It can take up to 48hrs to obtain a repeat prescription but it's a

very good idea to come with at least a 4 week supply so there is plenty of time to sort out your medication.

**Please note that GPs reserve the right not to prescribe certain medication and not all medication from outside the UK is available on the NHS.** Your GP will sometimes be unable to prescribe the medication you are taking because it is not used here or because of NHS prescribing restrictions. If you have specialised medication or you are in any doubt, you are advised to bring a supply with you.

### **UK phone number**

Please be aware that if a GP or other NHS service needs to contact you by 'phone, which happens quite commonly, particularly at the moment as less face-to-face consultations are taking place, **you will need a UK phone number** so please get a UK SIM as soon as possible.