

St George's University School of Medicine, Grenada

Voluntarily Withdrawn, January 2021

January 2021 Update: Voluntarily Withdrawn

St George's University School of Medicine has voluntarily exercised its right to withdraw its membership from CAAM-HP effective as of January 5, 2021, prior to any appeal hearing. The School's accreditation status remained Accredited with conditions until that date and the July 2019 determination of Accredited on Probation became effective as of the date of withdrawal.

July 2019 Determination:

This was the fourth full accreditation exercise for St George's University School of Medicine. The visit took place between March 10-20, 2019 and involved a survey of the basic science campus in Grenada and clinical affiliates in the United States and United Kingdom.

The CAAM-HP at its meeting held from July 25-27, 2019 considered and accepted the site visit report of the *ad hoc* site visit team.

Decision: CAAM-HP accorded Accreditation on Probation, which status was suspended pending a hearing of the School's appeal. The School's status of Accredited with conditions remained in effect while the School was appealing CAAM-HP's determination on its accreditation in respect of the period 2019-2022.

July 2018 Update

The CAAM-HP at its meeting held July 29-31, 2018 considered and accepted the June 2018 progress report in response to issues previously flagged and indicated that there was inadequate evidence supporting how the issues were addressed.

The school is due for a full accreditation review in 2019.

July 2017 Update

The 2017 progress report from St George's University School of Medicine was presented to the CAAM-HP at its meeting held July 20-22, 2017. The Authority considered and accepted the report.

While the Authority noted the efforts made to address issues identified in the site visit report, significant concerns remain with respect to reliable methods of assessment. The Authority also remains concerned about the variability in pre-clinical phase between Grenada and Northumbria as well as the variability in clinical education across the large number of sites.

July 2016 Update

The CAAM-HP at its meeting held July 27-29, 2016 considered and accepted the progress report of May 2016 in response to CAAM-HP's letter of July 25, 2015 as well as the report of the April 2015 site visit.

The Authority noted the progress made to address the issues identified in its letter and the site visit report and looks forward to receiving your annual progress report for 2017 indicating efforts being made to address issues outstanding.

July 2015 Determination: *Accredited with Conditions, 2015-2019*

This was the third full accreditation exercise for St George's University School of Medicine. The visit took place April 6-15, 2015 and involved a survey of the basic science campus in Grenada and clinical affiliates in New York. The UK leg of the visit will take place September 28-30, 2015.

The site visit team:

1. Professor Samuel Leinster (Team Chair)
2. Professor Jonas Addae (Team Secretary)
3. Professor Joseph Branday
4. Dr Anthony DeFreitas
5. Professor Penelope Hansen
6. Professor Valerie Wass

The CAAM-HP at its meeting held July 25, 2015 considered and accepted the site visit report of the *ad hoc* site visit team.

Decision: CAAM-HP accorded Accreditation with conditions for four (4) years, 2015-2019 and expects to receive annual progress reports indicating efforts being made to address the issues cited in the site visit report and CAAM-HP's letter.

July 2014 Update

The CAAM-HP at its meeting held July 28, 2014 considered St George's University's progress report in response to CAAM-HP's letter of October 12, 2013. The CAAM-HP noted the progress made in addressing the issues flagged in the letter. However, the meeting wished more information regarding the Clinical Enhancement Program (CEP).

The school is preparing for the next full site visit in 2015.

October 2013 Update

The CAAM-HP at its meeting held October 11-12, 2013 considered the April 2013 progress report and commended the St George's University School of Medicine for the encouraging progress made in addressing the issues flagged in its letter of June 23, 2012.

However, the meeting was concerned about the following:

- Reliability of the seven (7) station OSCE
- Availability of Family Medicine to students at sites other than the one site mentioned in the report.

More information was required on the additional six months spent in medical school by those students who are unable to obtain a post-graduate training programme.

June 2012 Update

The CAAM-HP at its meeting held June 22-23, 2012 considered the progress report of April 2012 in response to CAAM-HP's letter of June 25, 2011 and commended the St George's University School of Medicine for the efforts made to address the issues flagged in the letter. The meeting acknowledged the detailed outcomes analysis of graduating students.

June 2011 Determination: *Accredited with Conditions, 2011-2015*

St George's University School of Medicine underwent its second assessment by the CAAM-HP when a full survey visit was carried from March 5-12, 2011 – Grenada and New York sites – and March 24-25, 2011 – UK sites. The team members were:

1. Professor Sir Graeme Catto (Team Chair)
2. Mr Leroy Gibbs

3. Professor Renn Holness (Team Secretary)
4. Professor Samuel Ramsewak
5. Professor Trudie Roberts

Decision: The meeting accorded accreditation to the SGU medical teaching programme for four years, 2011-2015 with the condition that the issues flagged in the survey report and listed in CAAM-HP's letter to the university are addressed and reported on in the school's annual reports to CAAM-HP.

CAAM-HP has recommended to the governments that graduates of the school wishing to practise in the CARICOM countries be required to pass the CAMC examinations and satisfactorily complete an approved rotating internship or its equivalent.

May 2009 Determination: *Accredited with Conditions, 2009-2011*

The CAAM-HP at its meeting on the 29-30th of May, 2009 considered and accepted the progress report on the medical education programme of St. George's University:

Decision: CAAM-HP, received and reviewed the annual progress report and noting the efforts made to address the areas of weakness highlighted previously, decided to rescind the Provisional accreditation status granted in 2007 and accredits the programme with conditions for the period 2009-2011. The next full accreditation survey will be carried out in 2011.

St George's University School of Medicine uses the USMLE 1 and 2 examinations as its graduating point and CAAM-HP has recommended to CARICOM countries that graduates of St. George's University should do the Caribbean Association of Medical Councils (CAMC) examination or its equivalent before registration for independent practise in their countries.

September 2007 Determination: *Provisional Accreditation, 2007-2009*

St. George's University (SGU) is an offshore university located on the island of Grenada. A site visit was paid to its School of Medicine from February 26 to March 4, 2007. Members of the survey team included:

1. Professor Zulaika Ali
2. Professor Judith Anderson
3. Professor Roger Green
4. Dr. Carl Hanoman
5. Dr. Linda Peterson

6. Professor John Spencer (Team Chair & Secretary)

Decision: The CAAM, on the basis of the ad hoc visiting team's report and subsequent discussion, acknowledged the considerable success the SGSOM has had in the preparation of students to pass the exams necessary to continue medical training in the USA.

However, cognizant of the substantial areas of non compliance with the standards of the CAAM, particularly in the area of clinical training, CAAM accorded Provisional Accreditation to the MD education programme of SGU for the period September 2007 – 2009.

During this period of provisional status, and in the absence of credible assessments of clinical competence of its graduates, CAAM has recommended to CARICOM member countries, that before registration to practice in CARICOM countries, graduates of the SGU should pass the examinations of the CAMC (Caribbean Association of Medical Councils).