

# **The University of the West Indies (UWI) School of Medicine (Multi-campus institution with teaching sites in Jamaica, Trinidad, Barbados and The Bahamas)**

## ***Accreditation for five years, 2023-2028***

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### **July 2024 Update**

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The 2023-2024 Progress Report from The University of the West Indies Faculty of Medical Sciences was presented to the CAAM-HP at its Annual General Meeting held July 22-23, 2024. The Board accepted the Report and expressed satisfaction that good progress had been made by The UWI in addressing the concerns identified in the site visit report. The Board encouraged The UWI to continue its efforts toward harmonisation of the clinical curricula and the governance of the Faculty of Medicine across the four teaching sites.

### **July 2023 Determination: *Accreditation for five years, 2023-2028***

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The fourth full site visit to the Faculties of Medical Sciences at the University of the West Indies by the CAAM-HP took place from November 27 to December 4, 2022. The members of the site visit team were:

1. Dr Sharon Peters (Team Chair)
2. Professor Richard Tunstall (Team Secretary)
3. Dr Nehad El-Sawi
4. Dr Reeta Gobin
5. Dr Sanra K. Leeper-Woodford
6. Dr Jean François Lemay

The CAAM-HP at its meeting held July 19-20, 2023 considered and accepted the site visit report of the *ad hoc* site visit team.

**Decision:** The Authority, after careful consideration of the site visit report, granted Accreditation for five (5) years from 2023-2028. The Authority, however, highlighted for the attention of The UWI Medical Schools, certain issues.

CAAM-HP looks forward to receiving the annual progress reports indicating efforts being made to address those issues.

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## **July 2022 Update**

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The 2022 Progress Report from The University of the West Indies Faculty of Medical Sciences was presented to the CAAM-HP at its Annual General Meeting held July 25-26, 2022. The Authority considered and accepted the report and commended the Faculty for the improvements to the Doctor of Medicine (DM) programme as well as the efforts to harmonise the curriculum across the campuses.

The Authority noted that the Faculty of Medical Sciences is preparing for the next site visit scheduled for late 2022.

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## **September 2021 Update**

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The 2021 Progress Report from The University of the West Indies Faculty of Medical Sciences was presented to the CAAM-HP at its Annual General Meeting held September 22-23, 2021. The Authority considered and accepted the report, acknowledged the significant progress made in addressing the recommendations of the last site visit report and urged the School to make the necessary preparations for the overdue site visit which, it was hoped, can be carried out in 2022.

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## **January 2021 Update: *Accreditation with Conditions extended, 2018-2022***

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CAAM-HP, at its Extraordinary General Meeting held January 20, 2021, decided to extend for an additional year, 2021-2022, the current accreditation status of the medical education programmes offered at The University of the West Indies (UWI).

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## **November 2020 Update**

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The 2020 Progress Report from The University of the West Indies School of Medicine was presented to the CAAM-HP at its Annual General Meeting held November 18-19, 2020. The Authority considered and accepted the report and commended the University for the robust efforts to address the issues raised by the last site visit team. The sincere and proactive approach taken by the University was also noted and the meeting viewed the enhanced student services in a positive light. The Authority expects to receive the documentation in preparation for the site visit in 2021.

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## **July 2019 Update**

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The 2019 Progress Report from The UWI School of Medicine was presented to the CAAM-HP at its meeting held July 25-27, 2019. The Authority considered and accepted the report with commendation and looks forward to receiving the annual progress report for 2019-2020.

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## **July 2018 Update: *Accreditation with Conditions extended for three years, 2018-2021***

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The CAAM-HP at its meeting held July 29-31, 2018 considered and accepted the May 2018 progress report in response to issues previously flagged and, in light of the remarkable progress made, agreed to extend Accreditation with conditions for three (3) years, 2018-2021.

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## **July 2017 Update: *Accreditation with Conditions extended for one year, until 2019***

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The 2017 progress report from the UWI School of Medicine was presented to the CAAM-HP at its meeting held July 20-22, 2017. The Authority considered and accepted the progress report noting the significant progress made in addressing the concerns identified in the 2016 site visit report and commending the work of the Compliance Committee and its working groups. In light of the progress made, the Authority agreed to extend Accreditation with Conditions for one (1) year until 2019.

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## **July 2016 Determination: *Accredited with Conditions, 2016-2018***

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The third full site visit to the School of Medicine at the University of the West Indies by the CAAM-HP took place from April 2-12, 2016. The members of the site visit team were:

1. Professor Samuel Leinster (Team Chair)
2. Professor Anne Garden (Team Secretary)
3. Dr Christopher Cheeseman
4. Dr Mary Coleman
5. Professor Penelope Hansen
6. Professor Christopher Stephens

The CAAM-HP at its meeting held July 27-29, 2016 considered and accepted the site visit report of the *ad hoc* site visit team.

**Decision:** In the light of the issues cited in the report, the Authority accorded Accreditation with Conditions for two (2) years from 2016-2018.

CAAM-HP looks forward to receiving the annual progress reports indicating efforts being made to address issues cited in the site visit reports of 2012 and 2016 and in its letter. Failure to comply would result in a redetermination of accreditation status.

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## July 2015 Update

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The CAAM-HP thanked the University of the West Indies (UWI) for its progress report of April 2015 in response to CAAM-HP's letters of June 23, 2012 and July 28, 2014.

The CAAM-HP noted that progress was being made in addressing the areas of concern and looks forward to receiving evidence of further progress in the implementation of a common curriculum and the upgrading of student facilities at the Port of Spain General Hospital, Trinidad, following the next full site visit due in 2016.

CAAM-HP looks forward to receiving the documentation in preparation for the site visit in April 2016.

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## July 2014 Update

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The CAAM-HP at its meeting held July 28, 2014 considered the report and commended the UWI for the progress made in addressing the issues flagged in the letters and in the site visit report of 2012.

However, the meeting was of the view that the UWI needs to adopt a more robust approach to professionalising its approach to medical education and development of professionalism as a curricular theme.

In addition, the UWI was requested to provide the CAAM-HP with a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Barbados.

The CAAM-HP must receive an updated progress report from the UWI Faculty of Medical Sciences in 2015.

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**October 2013 Determination: *Accredited with Conditions, 2012-2016 (Period of accreditation reduced)***

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The CAAM-HP at its meeting held October 11-12, 2013 decided that in the absence of the timely submission of a Progress Report from the UWI School of Medicine in response to CAAM-HP's letter of June 23, 2012, the university would be sanctioned; hence the original period of accreditation which was 2012-2017 was reduced by one (1) year to 2012-2016.

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**June 2012 Determination: *Accredited with Conditions, 2012-2017***

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The second full site visit to the School of Medicine at the University of the West Indies by the CAAM-HP took place from March 10-18, 2012. The members of the team were:

1. Professor Sir Peter Rubin (Team Chair)
2. Professor Anne Garden
3. Professor Robert Hage (Team Secretary)
4. Professor Penelope Hansen
5. Dr Dagleish Joseph
6. Dr Hans Karle
7. Professor Paul O'Neill
8. Professor Jeffrey Turnbull

**Decision:** The CAAM-HP accorded accreditation to the MBBS education programmes for the period 2012 – 2017 with conditions.

The UWI is expected to provide a report to CAAM-HP on the progress towards the resolution of the problems flagged in its letter and in the site visit report including details of the extension of teaching activities at the Mona Campus to the Western Jamaica Campus.

The CAAM-HP stressed that in subsequent annual reports an outcomes analysis of graduating students should be provided.

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**June 2011 Update**

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The CAAM-HP at its meeting held June 24-25, 2011 received and considered the interim reports from the School of Medicine, Mona, Cave Hill and St Augustine Campuses.

The meeting noted that it would be useful to have an overall picture from the University Dean in addition to the individual reports submitted to the CAAM-HP.

In addition the meeting raised the following issues in respect of the three campuses:

- The imperative of signed agreements/ MOU's between the UWI and the clinical teaching facilities particularly in the light of increased student numbers and the approval of some governments of additional medical schools.
- The meeting was made aware that there was a signed agreement between the UWI and the Ministry of Health, Jamaica in regard to the use of the ministry's facilities for medical teaching but noted that this had not been submitted in the documentation available to CAAM-HP.
- Whether there was a sufficiency of accredited internship posts for the increased numbers of students on graduation.
- The admission of an increased number of students before facilities are available, resulting in overcrowding in the Anatomy laboratory at the Mona Campus.

In the light of the concerns raised by the meeting, CAAM-HP recommended that there be no further expansion in student numbers until the issues are satisfactorily resolved.

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## **July 2010 Update**

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CAAM-HP, at its meeting held July 2-3, 2010, considered the progress report from the new five year programme at the Cave Hill Campus and indicated that it looks forward to receiving a more comprehensive annual report.

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## **May 2009 Determination: *Accreditation extended to 2012***

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The CAAM-HP at its meeting on the 29-30th of May, 2009 considered and accepted the progress report of May 2009 on the UWI MB BS programmes.

**Decision:** The CAAM-HP, noting the areas of concern that had been addressed and those where further progress needs to be made, extended the accreditation status of the programme from 2006-2010, to 2012. The next full accreditation survey will be carried out in 2012.

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## **July 2006 Determination: *Accredited, 2006-2010***

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The University of the West Indies (UWI) is a regional university which serves the Caribbean Community. Its medical programme is offered on the islands of Bahamas, Barbados, Jamaica and Trinidad & Tobago. The UWI's medical programme was reviewed from March 26 to April 5, 2006 by a survey team which comprised the following persons:

1. Dr. Joanna Bates
2. Dr. Emanuel Cummings
3. Professor Roger Green
4. Dr. David Hawkins (Team Chair)
5. Dr. Patrick Rooney

**Decision:** CAAM at its meeting on the 7-8th July, 2006 considered and accepted the report of the ad hoc survey team and took the decision to accredit the MB BS education programmes of the University of the West Indies for the period July 2006 – 2010.

The CAAM congratulated the students and the UWI on the high standards achieved and accredited the MB BS education programmes for the period July 2006 – July 2010.

The UWI is expected to provide a report to CAAM by March 2008 on the progress towards the resolution of the problems flagged in the report and to keep CAAM abreast of the plans and progress for expansion, particularly at Cave Hill towards a 5-year programme.