

University of Guyana School of Medicine, Guyana

Accreditation with Conditions for four (4) years, 2024-2028

July 2024 Determination: *Accreditation with Conditions for 4 years, 2024-2028*

A full visit was paid to the University of Guyana's campus and clinical site from February 3-8, 2024. This was the fourth full accreditation exercise for the school.

The CAAM-HP at its meeting held July 22-23, 2024, considered and accepted the site visit report of the *ad hoc* assessment team comprising:

1. Professor Olwyn Westwood (Team Chair)
2. Professor Sandra Reid (Team Secretary)
3. Professor Helen Trotman-Edwards

Decision: The Board, after careful consideration, agreed to grant the school accreditation with conditions for four years (2024 to 2028), with effect from August 1, 2024, in the expectation that annual progress reports will show clear progress in meeting standards which have not been satisfactorily addressed to date.

July 2022 Update

The 2022 Progress Report from the University of Guyana School of Medicine was presented to the CAAM-HP at its Annual General Meeting held July 25-26, 2022. The report was accepted and the Authority commended the efforts of the School to increase its research output and efforts made to address the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. The meeting, however, was concerned about staffing and requested clarity on the role of guest lecturers as well as the role of residents as teachers. Also, it was felt that the School's quality assurance mechanism needed improvement.

The Authority looks forward to receiving the documentation for the next site visit in 2023.

September 2021 Update

The 2021 Progress Report from the University of Guyana School of Medicine was presented to the CAAM-HP at its Annual General Meeting held September 22-23, 2021. The Authority was pleased to accept the report and commended the School for the positive actions taken to successfully address the concerns raised during the last accreditation visit. The Board was

particularly impressed by the measures taken to mitigate the adverse effects of the pandemic on the students. It is hoped that the accreditation site visit can be undertaken in 2022.

January 2021 Update: *Accreditation with Conditions extended, 2017-2022*

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 programme offered at the University of Guyana.

November 2020 Update

The 2020 Progress Report from the University of Guyana 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 School for a thorough and comprehensive report. The Authority also determined that improvements made to areas of concern were satisfactory. The Authority expects to receive the documentation in preparation for the site visit in 2021.

July 2019 Update

The 2019 Progress Report from the University of Guyana 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 but expressed concern that the rate of progress had slowed. The Authority also expressed concern about the school's financial resources and hoped that this would not stymie the good work undertaken by the medical school. The turnover of staff was another concern.

The Authority expects to receive annual progress reports of continued efforts to address the issues.

July 2018 Update

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 expressed satisfaction with progress made in addressing those issues.

July 2017 Determination: *Accreditation with Conditions, 2017-2021*

A visit was paid to the University of Guyana's campus and clinical site from November 20-23, 2016. This was the third CAAM-HP exercise for the school.

The CAAM-HP at its meeting held July 20-22, 2017 considered and accepted the site visit report of the *ad hoc* assessment team comprising:

4. Professor Christopher Stephens (Team Chair)
5. Professor Jonas Addae (Team Secretary)
6. Professor Trevor McCartney

Decision: In light of the issues flagged in the site visit report, the Authority accorded Accreditation with Conditions for four (4) years from 2017 - 2021. The Authority commended the school for the progress which had been made in addressing weaknesses and noted areas of concern which need further attention.

July 2015 Determination: *Provisional Accreditation withdrawn*

The CAAM-HP at its meeting held July 23-25, 2015, having had no progress report from the University of Guyana in 2014 and 2015, decided to withdraw the Provisional Accreditation and expects the school to prepare for a full site visit early 2016 if it wishes to have any level of accreditation.

Effective July 25, 2015.

July 2014 Update

The CAAM-HP at its meeting held July 28, 2014 considered the progress report of the School of Medicine in response to its letter of October 12, 2013. The meeting noted that the Memorandum of Understanding between the University, the Georgetown Public Hospital Corporation and the Ministry of Health had been drafted. However, the meeting was not satisfied with the apparent lack of progress in addressing most of the issues identified in the October 12, 2013 letter.

The CAAM-HP expects the School of Medicine to prepare for the limited survey visit in early 2015 before a further determination of the school's accreditation status can be made.

October 2013 Determination: *Provisional Accreditation, 2013-2015*

The University of Guyana School of Medicine underwent its second assessment by the CAAM-HP when a full survey visit was carried out from March 10-13, 2013. The members of the site visit team were:

1. **Paul O'Neill**, BSc (Hons), MBChB, FRCP(London), MD, FAcadMed, FHEA; Professor of Medical Education, University of Manchester; Honorary Consultant Physician, University Hospital of South Manchester; *Team Chair*
2. **Gordon D. Lutchman**, MBBS, MD, FACS, FRCS(England); Professor and Chairman of Surgery (ret.), SGUSOM, Grenada, W.I.; Attending Surgeon, Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn, New York; Laser & Varicose Vein Treatment Center, Brooklyn, New York; *Team Secretary*
3. **Elaine E. Williams**, MBBS, MSc, DM(Pathology); Senior Lecturer, Department of Pathology, University of West Indies; Consultant Pathologist University Hospital of the West Indies, Mona Kingston, Jamaica.
4. **Robin A. Roberts**, BSc(Hons.), MBBS, FRCSC, MBA; Senior Lecturer, University of West Indies; Director, School of Clinical Medicine and Research, The Bahamas; Consultant Urologist, Princess Margaret Hospital, Nassau, Bahamas.

CAAM-HP at its meeting on October 11-12, 2013 considered and accepted the report by the *ad hoc* site visit team. The meeting noted the areas of strength, areas in transition as well as the areas of weakness of the MBBS programme.

However, the CAAM-HP also noted with deep concern that some of the issues identified in the report of the 2013 visit were highlighted in the 2006 site visit report and subsequent progress reports gave the assurance that they had been or were being addressed. As such, the following decision was taken:

Decision: The meeting accorded provisional accreditation to the MBBS programme for the period 2013-2015 with the condition that issues flagged in the site visit report and in its letter are addressed and reported on in the school's reports to CAAM-HP.

In addition to annual progress reports a limited (focused) survey visit will be paid to the school at a mutually convenient time before a further determination of the school's accreditation status can be made.

June 2012 Update

The CAAM-HP at its meeting held June 22-23, 2012 received and considered the progress report from the University of Guyana School of Medicine and noted that the school is preparing for a site visit at the end of October 2012.

June 2011 Update

The CAAM-HP met on June 24-25, 2011 and expressed disappointment at the absence of a progress report from the University of Guyana School of Medicine.

The school was reminded that annual reports are a condition for the maintenance of accreditation by CAAM-HP.

July 2010 Update

CAAM-HP, considered the progress report of April 2010 and noted the efforts being made to address outstanding issues.

May 2009 Determination: *Accredited with Conditions, 2008-2012*

The CAAM-HP at its meeting on the 29-30th of May, 2009 considered and accepted the progress report on the University of Guyana's MB BS programme.

Decision: The CAAM-HP, noted the efforts made to effect improvement and pointed out that some areas of concern had not been adequately addressed. The decision was taken to rescind the Provisional accreditation status granted in 2008 and accredit the programme with conditions for the period May 2009 to December 2012. The next full accreditation survey will be carried out in 2012.

January 2008 Determination: *Provisional Accreditation, January 2008 – December 2009*

The University of Guyana (UG) is the national university of Guyana. Its medical programme was initially reviewed in October 2006 and a determination of its accreditation status had been postponed. A decision has now been reached and will be published shortly. Members of the survey team were:

1. Professor Joseph Branday
2. Professor Gerald Grell
3. Professor James McKillop (Team Chair)
4. Dr. Alexander P. Ross

Decision: The CAAM after due consideration decided to accord Provisional Accreditation to the MB BS education programme of the University of Guyana for the period January 2008 to December 2009. During the period of Provisional Accreditation CAAM recommends to the Governments of the region that graduates of the MB BS programme of the University of Guyana do the CAMC examination before registration to practise.

The University of Guyana's School of Medicine is required to provide a report to the CAAM by October 1, 2008 on the progress towards the resolution of the problems identified in the report. This will be followed by a limited survey visit thereafter. A further determination on the accreditation status of the school will be made by CAAM after the report of the survey visit.