

**March 15, 2020**

**Med 3 Students**

Dear students,

As you know, you have been released from clinical duties as of Monday, March 16, 2020, at 8h00. Please note the release is **mandatory**. We realize that some of you still wish to pursue your clinical rotation, but, unfortunately, due to COVID-19, this is not possible. We did not take this decision lightly, and there are many reasons why we ask that you not present for clinical duty.

Furthermore, as of Monday at 8h00, you will not be covered by any malpractice liability insurance and, therefore, cannot perform any medical acts. We also ask that you not go into hospital at all on Monday after 8h00. As well, if you are not scheduled for the Sunday to Monday night shift, we ask that you not go round for 1-2 hours before 8h00). Only those scheduled for the night shift should be present in hospital until the Monday morning handover.

We know you are incredibly disappointed, but the COVID-19 pandemic has created an unprecedented situation. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding during these difficult times.

This situation is being reviewed daily and updates will continue to be shared with you as they are available.