

MEMORANDUM

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To: Year 4-6 medical students

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Subject: **Possible further strike action by RMOs**

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As you will be aware, NZRDA members are planning further strike action on 29-30 January 2019, with additional dates proposed in February. Should this eventuate, please take note of the following:

Trainee Interns

1. Trainee Interns must gain clinical experience to complete their academic requirements. They would therefore be expected to continue to attend on the wards for learning activities during any strike period. Absence from an attachment on the grounds of RMO strike action is not acceptable.
2. No Trainee Intern should be expected to work at any greater level of responsibility than is usual.
3. Should a Trainee Intern have the opportunity to extend their duties then the following conditions must be met:
 - a) The Trainee Intern must willingly express a desire to extend their duties; and
 - b) A registrar or consultant must be present at all times to provide immediate and direct supervision.
4. No Trainee Intern should be designated as an acting house surgeon during the strike period unless:
 - a) The arrangement to act as a house surgeon for the period was in place before the threat of strike; and
 - b) A registrar or consultant is present at all times to provide immediate and direct supervision.

5. Any Trainee Intern who is in doubt about tasks he or she is being asked to undertake should seek advice from a member of the academic staff.

6. No Trainee Intern is to work on a ward or in any clinical service situation e.g. outpatient or ambulatory services, where there is not adequate senior doctor cover.

If you have any queries about the above guidelines please do not hesitate to contact Andy Wearn or Briar Peat, Phase 3 Director (briar.peat@middlemore.co.nz).

Year 4 and 5 Students

Some variation of normal programmes is likely to be necessary. Heads of Department and Attachment Coordinators will make necessary arrangements.

End of memo