



OTAGO MEDICAL SCHOOL
Te Kura Hauora o Ōtākou

Memorandum

To:	Fraser Jeffery President, New Zealand Medical Students' Association Trainee Intern, University of Otago, Christchurch
CC:	Deans, Heads of Department Trainee Intern Convenors Attachment/Module Convenors Associate Deans Student Affairs Associate Deans Regional Y6 Medical Students Dunedin School of Medicine University of Otago Christchurch University of Otago Wellington Presidents WMSA, CMSA, OUMSA CEOs related DHBs
From:	Barry Taylor Acting Dean, University of Otago Medical School Dean, Dunedin School of Medicine ☎ (021) 616229 ✉ dean.medicine@otago.ac.nz
Date:	9 January 2019
Re:	Strike Action by RMOs

You will be aware that the RDA has notified that strike action by RMOs which has been notified to take place from **7am Tuesday 15 January until 7am Thursday 17 January**.

Trainee Interns

With regard to the situation for our Trainee Intern's during any strike, I would like to advise the following in the event of a strike:

- 1) In hospital attachments the Trainee Interns must gain clinical experience to complete their academic requirements. They would therefore be expected to continue to attend on the wards during any strike period.
- 2) No Trainee Intern should be expected to work at a greater level of responsibility than is usual.
- 3) The clinical duties should, as far as possible, be kept the same as normal. A Trainee Intern should not be expected to take on additional clinical work. For example, a Trainee Intern should not find that they are spending longer on the attachment than they normally would, or performing duties that they would not normally perform.
- 4) No Trainee Intern should be designated as an acting house surgeon during the strike period unless:

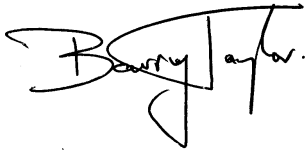
a. the arrangement to act as a house surgeon for the period was in place before the threat of strike; and

b. a registrar or consultant is present.

- 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 where there is not adequate senior doctor cover.

If a TI has concerns arising during or after their time on the ward please in the first instance contact the Module Convenor and, if necessary, the relevant local Dean.

If you have any queries about the above guidelines please do not hesitate to contact Barry Taylor (Dean DSM), David Murdoch (Dean UOC) or Sunny Collings (Dean UOW).

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barry Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'B'.

Professor Barry Taylor
Acting Dean Otago Medical School
Dean, Dunedin School of Medicine.