

Dear M1s,

In response to growing concerns regarding infection and transmission of the coronavirus (COVID-19), the University has just announced that all colleges are transitioning temporarily to remote instruction for at least the next 2 weeks. As you will be returning from Spring Break during that time frame, the College of Medicine is moving our curriculum online through distance-learning platforms for PT1 and FOM2.

Our goal is to provide important curricular content, maintain our high standards of excellence, and meet credit requirements while simultaneously providing flexibility.

We are working quickly to adapt our originally planned PT1/FOM2 Courses to be run remotely using the following approaches:

- Lectures will be available online either as prerecorded sessions from prior years along with the PowerPoints, or as live streams through Canvas's Big Blue Button.
- All curricular materials will be posted on OwlMed as usual.
- Small group IQ, CLG, and SCP sessions will meet virtually, through Canvas's Big Blue Button. You will need a quiet space with your computer or iPad in order to actively participate in the sessions, but you will not be expected to come to campus.
- For Clinical skills sessions, documents/videos will be shared electronically in OwlMed and then students and facilitators will work virtually in through Skype/FaceTime/Big Blue Button.
- Preceptor and Caridad/Mission clinical experiences will be substituted with online cases and other resources that we are working on developing now.
- The decision on how we will administer course assessments, including MCQ exams and OSCEs, will be determined based on the timeframe the university remains online (it is currently estimated at 2 weeks, but may be extended). We will be sure to communicate clearly and in advance with you on those issues so you will have plenty of time to prepare.

You will be receiving another email prior to the start of the course from COM IT containing specific instructions for how to access Canvas and use Big Blue Button.

We will ensure that PT1 and FOM2 are valuable learning experiences for you and ask for your patience as we adapt these courses. We will get the details out to you next week. In the meanwhile, if you have questions, concerns or feedback, please let us know.

Lastly, please try to enjoy your Spring Break and stay safe & healthy! The University's designated site will provide updates on the virus, travel and health guidance, and helpful resources. <http://www.fau.edu/coronavirus/>

Good luck finishing up NSB!

Best,

*Dr. Wood and the Med Ed Team*