



Policy for Students Receiving Osteopathic Assessment and Treatment at the UCO

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Positive equality impact (i.e. the policy/procedure/guideline significantly reduces inequalities)	
Neutral equality impact (i.e. no significant effect)	X
Negative equality impact (i.e. increasing inequalities)	
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OSTEOPATHIC TREATMENT POLICY FOR STUDENTS

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1. SCOPE

- 1.1 This policy outlines the procedures required to be followed by students receiving and providing osteopathic treatment within the University College of Osteopathy's (UCO) clinical environment.

2. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- 2.1 Osteopathic assessment and treatment of students within the UCO is to be carried out only within a clinical environment and with the student being treated as a 'normal' patient.
- 2.2 Assessment and any treatment thereof by senior students during normal Clinic Hours is bookable through Reception and must be carried out under the supervision of Clinic Faculty, as with any patient
- 2.3 Students who book into general clinic with a senior student as the lead practitioner, will not incur any costs for this. Students may also book into the associates' clinic to see a qualified osteopath and this will be at a reduced fee rate (typically 50% of the associate's fees).
- 2.4 Students who are patients in the clinic will be treated as any other patient. This includes the expectation that details will be logged on the clinic software system TM2, full case histories will be taken for first consultations and updated records on all subsequent patient visits and treatments.
- 2.5 Given the complexity of the patient-practitioner relationship and that the majority of practitioners at the UCO clinic are novice practitioners, UCO students who book in as patients are asked to adhere to the following guidelines:
 - a) That you book in with a practitioner who is on a different course and/or year to you, for example, if you are a FT3 student, you could book in with a FT4, PT student or MScPR student.
 - b) That you book in with a practitioner who works on a different team.
- 2.6 Students may refer patients to other practitioners (osteopathic or non-osteopathic) where appropriate.
- 2.7 The existing policy of students treating outside the supervised clinical environment remains in force; please see the Osteopathic Technique Practice Policy for Students which can be found at:
<https://www.uco.ac.uk/about-uco/who-we-are/policies-procedures-and-privacy>

3. CONFIDENTIALITY

- 3.1 All aspects of assessment and treatment, as with any other patient, remain confidential within the confines of the teaching clinic and the practitioner, clinical supervisor and any observers involved. Failure to comply with this could be considered to be a disciplinary offence for the student practitioner or supervisor and may initiate a Fitness to Practise investigation.
- 3.2 Students may book into the associate's clinic to see a qualified osteopath and this will be at a reduced rate (typically 50% of the associate's fees).
- 3.3 Alternatively, students may elect to see an osteopath outside of the UCO at their own expense.