

PROPOSED INSTRUMENTS FOR THE MSI'S

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To: The Class of 2013

From: Dr. Mattie White

Re: Medical Equipment

The purpose of this memo is to describe what specific medical equipment you **may** want to own. During the first week of school a sales representative from "The Medical Store" will be on campus to sell equipment to the freshman class at a discount. You are not obliged to purchase your equipment from this vendor, but there are no other convenient sources locally and you will need the equipment early in the year so that you can practice with your own "Tools" and enhance your skills.

It is not uncommon for students to receive some equipment as gifts or as "hand-me-downs" from relatives. A typical question is whether these items are good enough, new enough, etc. The answer is probably yes. Older otoscopes and ophthalmoscopes usually need a new battery and a halogen light is preferable as these provide better visualization.

Items below are listed as required, recommended or nice to have. Cash, check or credit card may be used at the time of purchase. A representative price list is enclosed.

Required

1. Tuning fork c128
2. Reflex hammer – red rubber, triangular head. (This is the most often one used. Others will be available if you so desire.)
3. Stethoscope with the ability to listen to low and high pitched sounds.. (Sales people will demonstrate the various types.) **This will be your most significant purchase!**

Recommended

1. Nitrile gloves – needed for work in the gross anatomy lab. The gloves you buy must be latex-free.

Nice to Have

1. Blood pressure cuff – usually available for your use in most clinical settings.
2. Doctor's bag – although you rarely see a physician carrying one, you will be very mobile during your undergraduate and graduate medical career. The more equipment you have, the greater is the need for a bag.
3. Diagnostic set (otoscope and ophthalmoscope). Used equipment is fine. These are usually available in clinics and hospital wards; however, some prefer to have available in any situation. If you own a set, you will be more likely to use it, to practice with it and become proficient. The panoptic will be demonstrated. This is nice to have, but may be something to purchase later in your career
4. Penlight (not necessary if you purchase a diagnostic set).

The Medical Store representatives are scheduled to be on campus August 14th during Orientation at which time you may purchase your medical instruments. You will be required to have them by September, 2009.

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