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Dear Fresher

Congratulations on your place at Oxford. We hope you enjoy your time here.

The University and its Colleges ask that you **register with a "College Doctor"**. Our practice has been selected by your College to be your "College Doctors". The NHS clearly defines full time students as "resident" at their University residence, not at their parental home, and so the NHS expects you to register with a GP in Oxford. During the holidays you can request a telephone consultation with one of our GPs and your prescriptions can be sent to any pharmacy in England or a postal pharmacy for the rest of the UK. If you need to see a doctor and cannot get to Oxford, you can register as a temporary patient with your local practice.

To make registration easier for you, we have set up an on-line system. Go to <http://www.campusdoctor.co.uk/oxford/> and follow the instructions. It may help you to answer the questions if you ask your current practice for a summary of your computer record, including **vaccinations** and your **NHS number**. Registration forms are also available on our website. You can complete these and send them to us by email if you prefer. We encourage all registered patients to sign up for **on-line access**. This allows you to view your medical record, book appointments and order prescriptions on-line.

We are a 'normal' NHS general practice (we are not employees of the College). We provide a strictly confidential service, although we can talk to the College effectively if you ask us to. We have a special interest in students, who make up over a third of our patients, and have enjoyed a long association with the College and the University. We are very familiar with the procedures for certification if you need medical evidence for your coursework or exams. We are also skilled with the types of problems which many students face including stress, mental health, travel medicine, sports injuries, sexual health, vaccinations etc.

If you do not register in Oxford you may have difficulty getting well-coordinated care and a GP elsewhere will be much less able to advocate for you within the University, especially without additional charges for reports. If you were to become ill whilst at Oxford, changing doctor at the same time may add to your stress, so please do not put off registering. If you choose to register with a GP who is not your College Doctor, you should provide their contact details to the College for use in an emergency.

If you have a medical problem that might need early specialist referral or significantly affect your studies, please contact us as soon as possible with details. This can help reduce the waiting time for referrals and help to plan any extra support. You can tell us in medical confidence, whether or not you declare the problem to the University.

If you have any further questions please see our website or contact your College welfare team.

Yours sincerely

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