

## **Student Doctors**

Oundle Surgery is now a designated training practice for student doctors from the University of Cambridge.

The first stage in becoming a GP involves 5 years of university education where a student learns about all aspects of medicine and clinical practice. In their later years at university they undertake placements in GP Practices where they gain knowledge of how general practice works.

Student doctors have not completed their initial medical training so are not qualified doctors, but being attached to a practice gives then a good understanding of what General Practice is like and is designed to help students to become GP's after qualification.

The students will work under close supervision of the GP's here at Oundle and will have the opportunity to observe the various members of the surgery as well as participating in their own student surgeries. Because they are not yet qualified they cannot do many of the things our regular GP's can do and require a high level of supervision, however they are expected to talk to and examine patients on their own and then discuss their findings with the supervising GP.

You will be advised either at the time of booking your appointment or before you are seen that there is a student doctor present with the Doctor or Nurse, or you may be offered an appointment with a student doctor running their own student surgery.

If you are happy to see a student this is very much appreciated as you will be making a significant contribution towards their training and the students do find this time invaluable and rewarding.

We look forward to welcoming our next two student doctors who will be with us for 2 weeks from Monday 1st October 2018 and then a further two weeks from Monday 22nd October 2018.

