



STUDENT SUPPORT & MENTORSHIP POLICY

General

1. The Avicenna Medical College offers a programme for student support. This programme has been developed following input from students. The student support is overseen by the Office of Dean of Students (ODOS).
2. The student support programme encompasses student mentorship, student life, student health, mental and emotional well-being, career and non-academic counseling. In addition, students have the option to join a student-led support group called “Synergy”.

Student Mentorship Programme

3. Mentor support will be available for all incoming students of Year 1. Each student is matched to a faculty mentor and a group of senior students.

Schedule of Meetings

4. Mentors and student mentees will meet according to a pre-arranged calendar, as well as per need of the student or the moment. They will be introduced to each other in the first few weeks after admission. Mentors and mentees should meet initially at least once a month. They are encouraged to meet socially periodically to build rapport within the team. Mentees are encouraged to initiate meetings with mentors.

Role of the Mentor

5. The mentor will be the initial counselor, explorer of ideas and career choices, and be the students’ advocate. Mentors are selected from a group of faculty motivated to help students and are aware of the student activities and problems peculiar to their stage and year.
6. If at any time, the mentors feel the mentees need special counseling, the mentor may encourage the students to seek counseling with the professional expert - the Student Counselor. If any student needs special academic tutoring, the mentor may direct the mentees to appropriate faculty, and may even ask the faculty to help their mentees in a particular area.
7. The mentors will use their discretion when they perceive serious danger to the mentees own or others life while maintaining strict confidentiality of information shared by the mentee.