

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA SURGERY CLUB CONSTITUTION

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## ***PREAMBLE:***

*"The University of Manitoba Surgery Club"* (UMSC) is a student-run initiative that aims to familiarize medical students in pre-clerkship & clerkship years with the specialty of surgery. UMSC recognizes that there is a current lack of student-run services available to those in their first two years of Medicine who are either considering surgery as a potential career path or who want to learn more about the field. We believe that filling this gap is an important first step in the development of students' interest in the different surgical specialties, with a focus on general surgery. With time, we hope to become a resource for students to network with surgeons and to provide guidance with choosing rotation and elective planning through clerkship.

## ***ARTICLE I: NAME OF STUDENT GROUP (ACRONYM)***

- The University of Manitoba Surgery Club (UMSC)

## ***ARTICLE II: PURPOSE***

Our goal is to familiarize students in pre-clerkship with the field of surgery. We aim to achieve this by establishing a community wherein medical students expressing an interest in the discipline can learn more about it while developing necessary pre-surgical skills and exploring various networking opportunities with faculty advisors and local professionals. This will be done by:

1. Establishing and maintaining relationships with Manitoban and Canadian surgeons and surgical organizations
  - a. Implementing a system wherein the Club's Membership have access to the aforementioned individuals' professional contact information
2. Hosting monthly meetings for those who are interested in pursuing further involvement with UMSC
3. Hosting multiple inter-professional career nights and presentations geared towards educating medical students about the variety of surgical specialties that exist
4. Facilitating the development of pre-surgical skills through a variety of events and programs

All surgery club events will be equally accessible and open to all medical students at the University of Manitoba.

***ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP***

To be reviewed and updated in September 2010.

***ARTICLE IV: GOVERNING STRUCTURE***

UMSC aims to have a President as well as a representative for each of the pre-clerkship classes (Med I and II). The group will also collaborate with a faculty mentor at regular intervals. The current Executive structure is as follows:

- ***Faculty Mentor:*** Dr. Chris Andrews, General Surgeon
- ***President:*** Farah Chowdhury
- ***Med II Co-Representative:*** Joe Du
- ***Med II Co-Representative:*** Amir Shamlou
- ***Med I Representative:*** To be announced
- ***Communications Representative:*** Roman Nepomuceno

***ARTICLE V: EXECUTIVE DUTIES***

UMSC Executives will endeavor to facilitate the Club's purpose by:

1. Facilitating Club meetings
2. Assisting with the organization of Club events
3. Supervising UMSC Members in their delegated roles throughout event organization
4. Disciplining members
5. Establishing and maintaining relationships with faculty members

***ARTICLE VI: ELECTIONS***

At present, UMSC does not hold elections to select its Executive members but may do so in the future. UMSC Executives are selected, by the group, based on their level of interest and time commitment to the Club.

***ARTICLE VII: MEETING SCHEDULE***

UMSC will meet on the last Friday of every month.

***ARTICLE VIII: CONSTITUTION DRAFTS AND REVISIONS***

**DRAFTED:** Amir Shamlou (April 2010)  
**REVISED:** Farah Chowdhury (Jul 2010)  
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