

## GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION RESIDENCY PROGRAMS

## 2025-26 Academic Calendar

| BLOCK    | START DATE                 | END DATE                   |
|----------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Block 1  | Monday, September 29, 2025 | Sunday, October 26, 2025   |
| Block 2  | Monday, October 27, 2025   | Sunday, November 23, 2025  |
| Block 3  | Monday, November 24, 2025  | Sunday, December 21, 2025  |
| Block 4  | Monday, December 22, 2025  | Sunday, January 18, 2026   |
| Block 5  | Monday, January 19, 2026   | Sunday, February 15, 2026  |
| Block 6  | Monday, February 16, 2026  | Sunday, March 15, 2026     |
| Block 7  | Monday, March 16, 2026     | Sunday, April 12, 2026     |
| Block 8  | Monday, April 13, 2026     | Sunday, May 10, 2026       |
| Block 9  | Monday, May 11, 2026       | Sunday, June 07, 2026      |
| Block 10 | Monday, June 08, 2026      | Sunday, July 05, 2026      |
| Block 11 | Monday, July 06, 2026      | Sunday, August 02, 2026    |
| Block 12 | Monday, August 03, 2026    | Sunday, August 30, 2026    |
| Block 13 | Monday, August 31, 2026    | Sunday, September 27, 2026 |

| Board Examinations    | To be conducted as per the published schedule of the respective Board   |  |
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| Progression Decisions | Decisions will be made during Block 13, following the completion of all |  |
|                       | requisite assessments and evaluations.                                  |  |

## **UAE Public Holidays 2025-2026** (Subject to official confirmation)

| OCCASION*                    | DATE                              |  |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Islamic New Year             | 26 June 2025 or 27 June 2025      |  |
| Prophets Birthday            | 5 September 2025                  |  |
| UAE National Day             | 2 December 2025 – 3 December 2025 |  |
| New Year's Day               | 1 January 2026                    |  |
| Ramadan Begins               | 17 February 2026                  |  |
| End of Ramadan & Eid Al Fitr | 18 March – 22 March 2026          |  |
| Arafat & Eid Al Adha         | 26 May - 31 May 2026              |  |
| Islamic New Year             | 17 June 2026                      |  |
| Prophets Birthday            | 26 August 2026                    |  |

<sup>\*</sup> Trainees may be assigned duties on public holidays, subject to the requirements of the Clinical Sites.