



WU INTERNAL POLICY ON PREGNANCY DURING STUDY PERIOD

Giving birth is a very crucial aspect in any person's life particularly for the mother; therefore it should be respected and treated with care at all times. After delivery, it is expected from the mother to exercise exclusive breastfeeding for six (6) months. Literature shows that globally, lack of exclusive breastfeeding during the first six months of life contributes to over a million avoidable child deaths each year. In addition, few months after birth the mother is also prone to any infection that can lead to maternal deaths.

To avoid maternal and child deaths, WU internal policy on pregnancy hereby stipulated the following and should be obeyed by all students:

- Each student who becomes pregnant will attend ante natal care (ANC) to ensure that the pregnancy is monitored; mother and baby are healthy and well taken care of.
- Each student who becomes pregnant during any semester period will take a break for six (6) months, starting from the day she delivers until the baby turns six months of age. Students will continue with the next / appropriate group on return from maternity leave.
- In case of miscarriage / still born / death at or after delivery, the student should take leave of at least three (3) weeks before she commence with her study. For these students, it is their responsibility to catch up with lost activities (theory and practice)
- A doctor's certificate for all of the above will be required before commencing the study.

It is the fundamental responsibility of each female student to decide when or and how she will formally inform WU management about her pregnancy.

However, each student is required to inform the WU management within the first trimester to ensure appropriate clinical allocation.

Effective from 20 March 2017