

Eivind A. Valestrand

Eivind A. Valestrand (born 1989) grew up in Bergen. He started his medical studies in 2010. Along with his studies he has been engaged in several student organizations, including worked as leader of the faculty student democracy. In 2017 he will be the president of the Norwegian Medical Student Association. During his studies he has been an active political voice working for improving medical education, and he has published several articles in The Journal of the Norwegian Medical Association.



Eivind started with research his first year of studies, and was eventually admitted to the Medical Student Research Programme. This program permits starting the PhD education during medical studies. He entered a research project with Trygve Hausken as main supervisor, and Arvid Lundervold as co-supervisor. In their study magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) is used to evaluate brain activity in patients with the functional gastro-intestinal disorder irritable bowel syndrome. Further studies will integrate several dimensions, such as microbiota, gastrointestinal motility, brain activity and life quality. Important imaging modalities used is MRI and ultrasonography of the gastrointestinal tract.