

Foundation Job Description

Foundation School		
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Grade (F1 or F2)	Specialty <i>If General (Internal) Medicine OR General Surgery, please provide a sub-specialty</i>	Sub-specialty (if appropriate) <i>If General (Internal) Medicine OR General Surgery, please provide a sub-specialty</i>
F2	Medicine	Rheumatology
Trust		Site
Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust		Rheumatology department & wards
Main Duties		
<p>This post will give a broad and thorough grounding in all aspects of Rheumatology. This is an outpatient based specialty and you will spend much of your working day in clinic. In addition you will be able to review patients referred for Rheumatology input on all the other wards and bring back for case discussion with your seniors. The post is ideal for a doctor considering this as a career but also hugely useful for a future in any medical specialty including Acute Medicine and for general practice.</p> <p>The Rheumatology department offers an outpatient service to the population of Northamptonshire and collaborates with the other medical teams in managing inpatient referrals requiring rheumatology expertise. We offer a wide variety of sub specialty clinics including:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Connective Tissue Diseases/Vasculitis - We also deliver a Giant Cell Arteritis emergency pathway with rapid access to ophthalmology and vascular surgery for temporal artery biopsies and we have established a muscle biopsy pathway for the region. As a result NHS England have given us national accreditation for our CTD/Vasculitis service. 2. Early Arthritis Clinics - In the recent National Early Inflammatory Arthritis Audit Report (2019) we were in the top 25 best performing Trusts in the country. 3. Osteoporosis 4. Ankylosing spondylitis Clinics 5. Biologics and other high cost therapies clinics <p>With close Consultant supervision and adequate training you will be able to contribute to all these sessions.</p> <p>Rheumatology also runs a number of interface clinics with Obstetrics, Respiratory, Dermatology, Orthopaedics and Paediatrics. We deliver most of our infusions services in partnership with the Medical Daycase Unit.</p> <p>This post will allow the trainee to complete the majority of the Foundation Core procedures (DOPS) and the required work place based assessments can also be achieved. More challenging practical procedures such as joint aspiration can be attempted with supervision. The post demands good multidisciplinary team working which will easily be developed during the attachment.</p> <p>This is a new post reinstating Rheumatology at this level at NGH. Previously this formed part of a CT2 rotation.</p> <p>There will be an opportunity to teach or supervise 3rd year medical students undertaking the Core Medicine Block from Leicester Medical school during the rotations.</p>		

There are no on-calls for this post.

Example Timetable

For example: W/R (Outpatients), MDT, Meetings, X-Ray Conference etc.

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
AM	Clinic	FY2 teaching	Clinic	Clinic	Clinic
Lunchtime					
PM	Clinic/ward referrals	Clinic/ward referrals	Clinic, self development time (flexible)	Clinic/ward referrals	Clinic/ward referrals

Educational Activities:

All FY1 will have a trained and experienced Educational Supervisor that stays with them for the whole of their FY1 year and a Clinical Supervisor for each of their 4/12 attachments. On Brampton the Clinical Supervisor will be a Geriatrician ensuring the FY1 gets the most benefit from educational and career development opportunities.

The daily MDT and consultant ward rounds provide opportunity for in-depth discussion.

The mandatory F1 teaching occurs weekly on Thursday afternoons and is protected time off the ward and bleep free. The FY1 teaching programme covers a wide range of the curriculum over the three rotations.

There is weekly CEM teaching on a Monday afternoon and once a month a Care of Elderly Medicine Mortality and Morbidity meeting which you will take part in.

All junior doctors will have the opportunity to complete supervised Quality Improvement projects of their own choosing. They will be supported in this by their Educational and Clinical Supervisors and the well equipped QiP department.

The medical education department comprises of medical education, simulation resuscitation and quality improvement academia. All junior doctors with a passion for education and/or quality improvement can work with the medical education team as faculty and support the delivery of education programmes for medical students and quality and safety programmes. All our faculty can attend an in house Train the Trainer course free of charge and are also offered a peer to peer review on their teaching sessions from one of the expert medical education senior management team.

Our STEP - Student Tutoring & Education Programme – is available for all medical students on placement at NGH. STEP is a programme aimed at providing additional formalised learning opportunities for medical students in order to enhance the educational experience already gained during their placements.

As part of STEP, teaching sessions are held once weekly in small groups (2-3 students).

We encourage all FY doctors to become tutors on STEP and lead sessions.

Other Comments (if appropriate):

Our group is made up of Northampton General Hospital (NGH) NHS Trust and Kettering General Hospital (KGH) NHS Foundation Trust and was formed in 2020.

We deliver acute services from two main sites: Northampton General Hospital and Kettering General Hospital. We also provide care at several satellite locations including in Corby, Wellingborough, Irthlingborough, Danetre and GP facilities.

Both our hospitals are acute hospitals providing 24-hour emergency care.

We offer a full range of district general hospital care as well as some specialist services: NGH provides specialist cancer, vascular and stroke care for the county and KGH provides emergency cardiac care for the county. In total we have around 1,390 beds with 600 at KGH and 790 at NGH. We serve a population of approximately 900,000 people across the county and employ over 9,000 staff, making us one of the largest employers in Northamptonshire.

All our divisions are committed to doing things better with more efficiency as we update, modernise and advance. We have strong partnerships with University of Leicester and University of Northampton and are supported by the East Midlands Clinical Research Network.

Our excellence values are, respect, compassion, integrity, courage and accountability.

Disclaimer: Please note that the placement information provided is subject to change.