

West Midlands Central Foundation School
Individual Placement Description – Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham

Placement	FY1 Endocrinology & Diabetes Mellitus
The department	A strong close bond exists with other specialties that host endocrine patients specific to their specialty.
	The service provides expert medical care for the population of the West Midlands and beyond, providing specialist advice to the Trust.
	The endocrine service also participates in clinical research which is supported by several active trials. The group is committed to providing a consistent and evidence-based approach to care supported by the development of integrated care pathways and protocols.
	Inpatient diabetes support is provided by the diabetes consultants and by clinical nurse specialists at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham.
The type of work to expect and learning opportunities	<ul> <li>Management of acute medical conditions necessitating hospital admission</li> <li>Day to day management of general medical patients</li> <li>Dealing with multicultural issues</li> <li>Managing patients from socially deprived backgrounds</li> <li>Experience in breaking bad news</li> <li>Management of acute diabetic emergencies</li> <li>Experience of complex endocrine cases including access to endocrine investigation unit</li> <li>Weekly protected F1 teaching</li> <li>Weekly Grand Round</li> <li>Twice weekly consultant led ward rounds</li> <li>Strong audit programme with opportunity and requirement</li> <li>Teaching of medical students</li> </ul>
placement is based	University Hospital Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust
Supervisor(s) for the placement	Over the period of your placement, you will be working with a number of Consultants all of whom can provide clinical supervision during the time you are on duty with them. However, you will be assigned a specific named Clinical supervisor for the placement and a named Educational Supervisor for the year.
Main duties of the placement	<ul> <li>Day to day management of diabetes and endocrine patients including alteration of hormone replacement therapies</li> <li>Twice weekly Consultant led ward rounds</li> <li>Daily wards rounds with an SpR or CMT</li> <li>Requesting and interpreting investigations</li> <li>Acute care, early rehabilitation and discharge planning</li> </ul>

Typical working pattern in this placement	Ward based
Employer information	University Hospital Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust is recognised as one of the leading NHS Foundation Trusts in the UK, providing adult services to nearly 700,000 patients every year.  The Trust is a regional centre for cancer, trauma, burns & plastics and has the largest solid organ transplantation programme in Europe.  The Trust employs around 6,900 staff and is home to Birmingham's first new acute hospital in 70 years.  The new £545m Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham opened its doors to patients on June 16, 2010.  It is one of the most consistently high performing trusts in the NHS.

It is important to note that this description is a typical example of your placement and may be subject to change.