

West Midlands Central Foundation School

Individual Placement Description – Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham

Placement	FY1 Haematology
The department	<p>Within the Haematology department the specialist medical and nursing-staff operate the haematology ward and the day unit, the Bone Marrow Transplant Unit and the West Midlands Adult Comprehensive Care Haemophilia Centre. In addition the service hosts the West Midlands regional integrated diagnostic service for haematologic malignancies and provides haematology laboratory and transfusion service for patients with complex needs.</p> <p>It is a regional referral centre for haematology, teenage and young adult cancer patients and bone marrow transplants, providing complex care for adults with haematological malignancy. The haemostasis/ thrombosis service provides a comprehensive investigative and management service for patients with bleeding and thrombotic disorders. The day unit provides facilities at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham for day cases, plasma exchange and bone marrow harvesting.</p>
The type of work to expect and learning opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day to day management of patients with haematological malignancy • Dealing with acute care of neutropenic sepsis • Dealing with immunosuppressed patients • Breaking bad news • Palliative care • Occasional opportunity to attend Haematology outpatient clinics • Good level of support from SpRs and close working with clinical nurse specialists, especially in palliative care and end of life issues • Twice weekly consultant ward rounds • Daily SpR ward round Attendance at weekly MDT • Weekly Haematology Dept teaching (journal club, case reviews) every Tuesday 3-5pm • Weekly teaching for F1, CMT and JSD doctors every Monday PM. • Weekly consultant-led morphology teaching in Haematology lab • Procedures: Bone marrow aspiration, Bone marrow trephine biopsy, Lumbar puncture, Pleural tap • Weekly Protected F1 teaching programme • Weekly Grand Round Excellent support structure for Foundation trainees • Career support • ALS • Monthly Trust Foundation committee with trainee representation
Where the placement is based	University Hospital Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust
Supervisor(s) for	Over the period of your placement, you will be working with a number of

the placement	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	<p>Transplant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerking in new admissions, either elective for BMT (bone marrow transplant) or an emergency admission of a patient who has previously had a BMT • Requesting required investigations and maintaining patients notes <p>Non-transplant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage the ill patients on the ward • Arranging appropriate investigation • Clerk patients • On-calls for both Haematology and Oncology
Typical working pattern in this placement	Ward based
Employer information	<p>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.</p> <p>The Trust is a regional centre for cancer, trauma, burns & plastics and has the largest solid organ transplantation programme in Europe.</p> <p>The Trust employs around 6,900 staff and is home to Birmingham's first new acute hospital in 70 years.</p> <p>The new £545m Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham opened its doors to patients on June 16, 2010.</p> <p>It is one of the most consistently high performing trusts in the NHS.</p>

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