

West Midlands Central Foundation School

Individual Placement Description – Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham

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| Placement | FY2 Medical Oncology |
| The department | The Oncology Department has a major in-patient and day case commitment with beds on 3 wards in the new QE Hospital including a specifically designed and equipped Young Persons Unit and a day case chemotherapy unit |
| The type of work to expect and learning opportunities | <p>The post offers broad experience in the management of cancer and its complications as well as experience of curative and palliative chemotherapy and radiotherapy treatments.</p> <p>The post holder will work alongside a team of Consultants, across different Oncological specialities as well as work closely with allied specialities such as palliative care in a supportive and well supervised ward environment.</p> <p>There are opportunities to observe out-patient oncology.</p> <p>Support and education are also provided by on-site SpRs and highly experienced Clinical Nurse Specialists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly FY2 teaching • Weekly Grand Round • Opportunities to teach medical students • Opportunity to learn about radiotherapy planning • Opportunity to attend oncology clinics • Simulated training sessions • Excellent support structure for Foundation trainees • Career support • Monthly Education Operations committee with trainee representation <p>In addition there is a monthly oncology ward doctor's forum with one of the oncology consultants, which reports to the education lead for the division which aims to pick up concerns early and address them so that training and learning environment is maintained.</p> |
| Where the 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. |

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| Main duties of the placement | <p>You will be based on the Oncology wards within the new QEHB.</p> <p>The inpatients comprise a mixture of acute and chronic oncological problems such as spinal cord compression, neutropenic sepsis and routine treatments such as inpatient chemotherapy. In addition, there will be many patients with more chronic palliative needs and you will need to work both with the Oncology and Palliative Care teams in the hospital as well as community based support services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerking patients for elective chemotherapy - checking bloods, that patient is well, pre-chemo drugs and post chemo drugs prescribed. • Clerking new patients with complications from cancer or chemotherapy i.e. neutropenic sepsis, spinal cord compression, end of life care, symptom control. • Regular Consultant led ward rounds and follow up from these. • Review patients admitted for day case chemo/treatment i.e. blood results / patient too ill to continue/start treatment • General oncology ward duties -blood forms, TTOs, speak to family members, arrange/prepare for end of life/referral to hospices |
| Typical working pattern in this placement | <p>The oncology ward doctors are organised into teams who between them cover the necessary 24 hour shift pattern needed. Duties are allocated on a daily basis at a morning handover.</p> <p>There is a registrar on the ward each week who attends handover and who will then help with assessment of unwell patients needing urgent senior review of particularly pressing problems. In addition, you will interact with a range of oncology consultants via their weekly ward rounds plus on an as-needs basis driven by clinical considerations. In addition to this there is an on call Consultant, who attends the ward daily to support the ward registrar and juniors.</p> |
| 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. 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.</p> |

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