

West Midlands North Foundation School

Individual Placement Description – Russells Hall Hospital

Placement	FY1 Renal Medicine
The department	<p>The Renal Unit has 4 consultants. Patients receiving haemodialysis attend the unit three times per week for up to five hours.</p> <p>The Peritoneal dialysis unit is based in the same unit and provides training and support for patients who are receiving, or who will be starting, Chronic Ambulatory Peritoneal Dialysis (CAPD). CAPD is carried out by the patients in their own homes.</p>
The type of work to expect and learning opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General assessment of patients on a day to day basis and discussion/teaching from senior doctors. • Initial evaluation of trouble shooting and discussion/teaching with senior medical team. • Opportunity to teach medical students and student nurses. • Opportunity to observe dialysis/plasma exchange being conducted in the Renal Unit. • Attending theatres for renal dialysis access and learning basic skills under consultant supervision. • Joint histology/radiology meetings, • Journal Club and hospital grand round. <p>There is a weekly, 3 hour protected teaching programme.</p>
Where the placement is based	The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust
Supervisor(s) for the placement	Dr K Shivakuma
Main duties of the placement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily ward round of patients and reporting to senior medical team and registrars. • Day to day admission/clerking and discussing with senior medical team. • Practical procedures as appropriate, independent and supervised followed by assessment of DOPs. • Observing senior staff on patient communication/breaking bad news.
Typical working pattern in this placement	Full Shift Band 1A
Employer information	<p>Based in the heart of the Black Country, The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust is the main provider of hospital and adult community services to the populations of Dudley, significant parts of the Sandwell Borough and smaller, but growing communities in South Staffordshire and Wyre Forest.</p> <p>The first hospital trust in the area to be awarded the coveted Foundation Trust status in 2008, it provides a wide range of medical, surgical and rehabilitation services.</p>

	<p>Currently the Trust serves a population of around 450,000 people from three hospital sites at Russells Hall Hospital, Guest Outpatient Centre in Dudley and Corbett Outpatient Centre in Stourbridge. The Trust provides the full range of secondary care services and some specialist services for the wider populations of the Black Country and West Midlands region. The Trust also provides specialist adult community based care in patients' homes and in more than 40 centres in the Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council community.</p> <p>In a year we</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - deliver 4,700 babies - see around 500,000 outpatients - treat almost 100,000 patients in our emergency department <p>In 2002/03 the hospital was modernised through the PFI initiative and now has a state of the art Education Centre, Simulation Facility and excellent library facilities. It also has an Undergraduate Teaching Academy taking over 500 medical students from Birmingham University each year.</p>
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It is important to note that this description is a typical example of your placement and may be subject to change.