

West Midlands South Foundation School

Individual Placement Description – Wye Valley NHS Trust, Hereford County Hospital

Placement	FY1 Stroke Medicine
The department	<p>The Stroke unit specialises in treating and caring for those patients with a suspected stroke admitted to The County Hospital. The unit has up to 26 beds providing both hyperacute and ongoing care for patients presenting with stroke and is situated on Wye ward on the first floor of the hospital. The team includes doctors, nurses, therapists and admin support who specialise in investigating, assessing and treating this group of patients. These clinicians are all skilled specialists who work primarily in stroke care and can therefore provide a high standard of care.</p>
The type of work to expect and learning opportunities	<p>This post is an excellent opportunity to gain experience in both General Medicine and the initial and subsequent management of acute stroke. You will be based on the acute stroke unit. There are opportunities to gain experience and access learning in: ward rounds, medical outpatients, weekly F1 teaching, weekly medical grand round and handover.</p> <p>You will be working on the Stroke Unit, with usually around 22 patients, as well as supporting the department of medicine, taking responsibility for history and knowledge of the patient and presenting them on ward rounds. You will also need to identify and escalate where necessary the deteriorating patient and clerking in patients when on call. There is opportunity for regular bedside teaching relating to signs, conditions or investigations.</p> <p>This setting allows for the management and diagnosing of common conditions and will support learning in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good clinical Professionalism • Good clinical care including history, examination, diagnosis and clinical decision making • Safe prescribing • Keeping Accurate Medical Records • Manage Time and clinical priorities effectively • Communicate effectively with patients, relatives and colleagues • Recognition and management of the acutely ill patient • Patients with long term conditions • Core procedures • Investigations • Interface with different specialities <p>Due to the nature of the working environment you will regularly receive ward based teaching which will include supervised learning events and gain feedback from higher grade doctors, consultants and clinicians working in this area. You will have the opportunity to work closely with a multi-disciplinary team to gain a</p>

	full understanding of the patient's journey and your role within this.
Where the placement is based	Hereford County Hospital; Wye Ward
Supervisor(s) for the placement	Dr Colin Jenkins
Main duties of the placement	To work as part of a medical team responsible for the ongoing care of both general medical patients and patients with conditions related to acute stroke. You will be responsible for attending weekly mandatory bleep free FY1 teaching.
Typical working pattern in this placement	Full shift rota which is EWTD compliant and includes late and night shifts.
Employer information	<p>The employer for this placement is Wye Valley NHS Trust, Hereford County Hospital.</p> <p>Wye Valley NHS Trust is a provider of health care across rural Herefordshire bringing together acute and community services.</p> <p>The Trust runs the County Hospital based in the City of Hereford, along with 3 community hospitals in the small nearby towns of Ross-on-Wye, Leominster and Bromyard, we also operate a small 22 bedded unit for patients that are not acutely ill but may need nursing and therapy intervention following their acute illness.</p> <p>We deliver a standard of care we would want for ourselves, our families and friends.</p> <p>The key principles of Wye Valley NHS Trust are to provide the right care in the right place at the right time... every time.</p> <p>Our vision is to improve the health and wellbeing of the people we serve and our values are important in our everyday work: Compassion, Accountability, Respect, Excellence.</p>

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