

NORTH YORKSHIRE & EAST COAST FOUNDATION SCHOOL

2-YEAR ACADEMIC FOUNDATION PROGRAMMES

Academic F2 Post in HIV & GU Medicine at HYMS

The attachment is with Dr Charles Lacey who is a clinical academic specialising in HIV & GU Medicine. Dr Lacey has been appointed to a Chair in Medicine (Genitourinary Medicine) at HYMS at the University of York, which he will take up in September 2007. The academic F2 will work with Dr Lacey and his team to gain knowledge of fundamental research principles.

Dr Lacey has clinical responsibilities at the Sexual Health clinic, 31 Monkgate, York. The research team is based in Monkgate and consists of Dr Lacey, the academic F2, Tina Ramsey, research nurse, and Dr Rebecca Wiggins, Senior Technician. We closely collaborate with the Immunology and Infection Unit, Department of Biology, University of York, where we have a small dedicated laboratory, and where Dr Wiggins is co-located. It is planned to recruit more staff to the research team during the second half of 2007.

Some of the current funding streams and activities are:

- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation / Wellcome Trust – Gates Grand Challenges award to develop mucosal HIV-1 vaccines, first phase 1 trial commencing July 2007
- Health Protection Agency – study of quality of life, episode length, and economic burden arising from genital warts, from April 2007
- HYMS Pump Priming award – pilot study of adjuvanted vaginal hepatitis B immunisation, Q3 2007
- European Commission Framework 6 award – a phase 1 study of a triple anti-HIV 1 monoclonal antibody cocktail as a vaginal microbicide, Q3 2007

The academic F2 will work with the team to deliver the current research programme. They will be encouraged to take responsibility for a specific output of their own which fits into the overall research programme. Intended goals are a publication and presentations. Arrangements are made for all the HYMS academic F2s to attend the Introduction to Research Methodology course at the Department of Health Sciences, University of York, and to sit the exam.

Foundation Year 1	Foundation Year 2
General Medicine/General Surgery/Critical Care (York)	Academic – GU/HIV (York University) GUM/HIV (CHH/Hull) A&E (Hull Royal Infirmary)