

HULL AND EAST YORKSHIRE HOSPITALS NHS TRUST

1. POST

Pre-Registration House Officer (Foundation Year 1) in Oncology

2. LOCATION

Princess Royal Hospital, Saltshouse Road, Hull

The Princess Royal Hospital is a specialist hospital housing oncology and dermatology services.

Other major medical and surgical specialties are represented within Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust at the Hull Royal Infirmary and Castle Hill Hospital sites.

The Hospital is on a bus route into the city centre and parking is available for staff.

3. DURATION OF POST

4 months.

4. STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT

There are 10 consultant oncologists who all have site-specialist interests.

Consultant clinical oncologists

Dr Holmes	Colorectal, head and neck
Dr Chaturvedi	Breast, sarcoma, NM skin
Dr Hamilton	Urology, upper G-I, lymphoma
Dr Dealey	Urology, CNS, gynae
Dr Barton	Lung, melanoma, palliative care
Dr Mack	Breast, urology, G-I
Dr Dixit	Upper GI, urology
Dr Upadhyay	Breast, lung

Consultant medical oncologists

Professor Lind,	Lung, breast, ovary, phase I trials
Dr Maraveyas	G-I, melanoma, renal

There are 3 specialist registrars in clinical oncology and one specialist registrar in medical oncology. There are also 3 medical SHOs in oncology, one in dermatology and 3 trust grade doctors who share the full shift rota for oncology.

There are two oncology wards: Woodlands ward and Harvey ward. Woodlands ward tends to specialise in the more palliative cases requiring symptom control and palliative treatments while Harvey ward concentrates on chemotherapy and chemo-radiotherapy though there is some overlap. There are plans to open palliative care inpatient beds in the near future.

5. GENERAL DUTIES

Oncology

The House Officer will initially be allocated to one of the two wards, swapping with the other PRHO after 2 months to gain experience of both wards. The PRHO allocated to Woodlands ward will also share with a trust grade doctor, the responsibility for the care of patients in the palliative care beds once they are opened. The PRHO is responsible for the care of patients on his/her ward, working with the SHO and trust grade doctors to provide continuity of inpatient care. Flexibility between and within teams is expected in order to maintain quality of patient care and this may sometimes require cross cover between wards, especially when doctors are away on annual or study leave.

6. WORKING ARRANGEMENTS

The PRHO will work on his base ward on normal day shifts, however the night and long days shifts will be based on the Acute Assessment Unit at Hull Royal.

The banding for this post will be Band 1B with contracted hours below 56 hours per week maximum.

The average contracted hours must not be exceeded. However, in exceptional circumstances, practitioners in the grades of Senior Registrar, Specialist Registrar, Senior House Officer and House Officer shall be expected in the normal run of their duties, and within their contract and job description to cover for the occasional brief absence of colleagues as far as is practicable. Sick colleagues will normally be covered only for short periods of absence.

In addition, practitioners will be prepared to perform duties in occasional emergencies and unforeseen circumstances without additional remuneration but may be granted time off in lieu at the discretion of the employing trust. Commitments arising in such circumstances are, however, exceptional and the practitioner should not be required to undertake work of this kind for prolonged periods or on a regular basis.

7. INDUCTION

An induction/orientation programme is arranged for new starters at the beginning of August during which they have no other duties and is mandatory.

8. ACCOMMODATION

Single accommodation is available. Accommodation is usually at your base hospital and may involve travel between hospitals.

9. ANNUAL LEAVE

9 days annual leave for a 4 month period, which should be taken in this period. Annual leave cannot be carried over into the next post. In order to maintain the service, annual leave is planned into the rota. Please note that annual leave cannot be taken whilst scheduled to work nights. However annual leave may be swapped with colleagues if appropriate and after discussion with Consultants.

10. POST GRADUATE EDUCATION

The East Riding Medical Education Centre at Hull Royal Infirmary contains a 200 seat lecture theatre with full audio visual facilities, 3 seminar rooms and a well resourced medical library staffed by professional librarians. There is a full CD-ROM and data star on line facilities.

The Director of Postgraduate Medical Education is Dr Colin R Melville. The Associate Director of Post graduate Medical Education responsible for PRHO's is Mr Vern Johnson.

Generic Skills Training

All PRHO's are required to attend the generic skills training programme which is run in conjunction with the other trusts in the North Yorkshire East Coast Foundation School (<http://www.nyecpgme.org.uk/foundation>). Attendance is timetabled in the rota, but may require you to travel to one of the other hospitals. There is also a full supporting lunchtime PRHO teaching programme on a Thursday lunchtime held in ERMEC (food is provided!).

Other educational opportunities

There is a full timetable of other lectures and tutorials, details of which are published on the Intranet (<http://intranet/ermec>). Departments also hold educational meetings, and house officers are welcome to attend those in other departments as well as their own, duties allowing.

Educational Supervisor

Each house officer has a nominated supervisor, with whom they should meet formally at the start of the post, after 2 months and at the end of the post, using the PRHO logbook as a basis for discussion.

Educational Objectives

- To build upon undergraduate education.
- To develop the skills of history taking, physical examination, appropriate investigation and rational prescribing.
- To gain experience and familiarity in dealing with patients with a wide variety of cancers.
- To learn the principles of management of common oncological emergencies.
- To master some basic medical techniques, particularly drainage of pleural and ascitic fluid.
- To learn the principles of good pain control and palliative care.
- To develop good communication skills with patients, relatives and colleagues.
- To develop skills in managing time and conflicting priorities.

11. MEDICAL SCHOOL

Postgraduate School of Medicine

This was inaugurated on 1 August 1994. This is a collaborative venture in which the University of Hull is supported by the local NHS Trusts and East Riding Health.

There are currently Chairs in Reproductive Medicine & Surgery (Professor S R Killick), Surgery (Professor J R T Monson), Head & Neck Surgery (Professor N D Stafford), Vascular Surgery (Professor P McCollum), Primary Care Medicine (Professor P Champion), Psychiatry (Professor A Mortimer), Medicine (Professor A Morice), Radiology (Professor L W Turnbull), Institute of Rehabilitation (Professor L G Walker), Academic Cardiology (Professor J Cleland) and Oncology (Professor M Lind)

Undergraduate Medical School

The Hull - York medical school (HYMS) took its first intake in 2003. The first clinical students will begin their attachments in August 2005.

12. HEALTH AND SAFETY

You are required to inform your line manager of any safety issues that could affect you or others, in the workplace. You are responsible for your own health and safety and must co-

operate with management, at all times, in achieving safer work processes and work places, particularly where it can impact on others.

You will be trained in the correct use of any equipment provided to improve safety and health within the Trust. You are required to use the equipment when necessary and as instructed, it is your responsibility to ensure the equipment is safe to use, prior to its use and must report any defects immediately to your line manager.

13. GENERAL INFORMATION

Kingston upon Hull is one of the country's main ports and is an ancient borough, its first Royal Charter being granted 1299. Hull was substantially rebuilt after heaving bombing in World Ward II and is therefore a modern as well as an historic city. There is a yacht marina, an international ice rink and a range of other leisure and recreational facilities, including theatres, cinemas, concert halls and recently The Deep. There are two Universities and a College of Further Education. Shopping facilities including a large shopping complex occupying a unique waterfront position in the centre of the city.

There is easy access to pleasant countryside, coastal resorts, moors and dales. A regular passenger/car ferry operates from Hull to nearby continental ports and direct flights from Humberside airport cover a number of overseas destinations.

NB. All applicants are asked to check, before applying for a post, that they will be eligible for registration with the General Medical Council. You can check for eligibility on the website <http://www.gmc-uk.org> . If there is any uncertainty, contact the GMC and seek advice, preferably in writing. If you cannot register with the GMC you cannot be employed as a Pre Registration House Officer.