



University Hospitals Birmingham
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BIRMINGHAM**

Birmingham Heartlands Hospital

FEMORAL FRAGILITY FRACTURE SERVICE

**Clinical Observership in Fragility
Fracture Service**

1 - 4 weeks

JOB DESCRIPTION

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Attachment Title:	Clinical Observer in Femoral Fragility Fracture Service
Accountable to:	Lead for Femoral Fragility Trauma Service (Dr A. Nikolaidis)
Appropriate for:	Orthopaedic surgeons, geriatricians, internal medicine, Physiotherapists, nurses, rehabilitation staff
Key working relationships:	Consultants, Junior Medical staff, Nursing staff, Rehabilitation staff, Operational and General management staff in the Division
Hours of Placement:	Up to 40 hours per week
Weeks of Placement:	1 to 4 weeks depending on the review required Option of extension to 6 weeks if additional time requested and observer ship available
Position Role:	Clinical Observer level responsibilities in Femoral Fragility Trauma Service No clinical care will be provided

Description of the Clinical observership

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Clinical Observer in Femoral Fragility Fracture Service

(Orthopaedic Surgeon, Anaesthetist, Orthogeriatrician, Physiotherapist, Fragility Trauma Nurse Practitioner, Occupational Therapist, Nutritionist)

Introduction

This is a clinical attachment based at Heartlands Hospital. The duration of the post is between 1 and 4 weeks in the first instance, which can be extended to 6 weeks if additional learning is requested. This post allows the post holder to observe the workflow of the Femoral Fragility Service. Depending on the particular specialty of the holder emphasis will be given to each part of the pathway from Emergency Department to the Orthopaedic Ward and then from Surgery to rehabilitation and discharge. The post holder will therefore observe the preoperative preparation of the patient and attend theatre sessions as appropriate. Depending on the post holder's Registration with the GMC there is an opportunity for hands on involvement under the supervision of the FFS Educational Supervisor. The post holder will follow up patients in the Wards, observe physiotherapy sessions and follow post operative protocols. There is also the opportunity to attend Femoral Fragility follow up clinics, as well as Osteoporotic clinics run by our Orthogeriatricians. The holder is encouraged to participate actively in the Morbidity and Mortality monthly meeting presenting one clinical case.

We provide excellent opportunities for learning and professional development as detailed above

Process:

- Each applicant needs to apply independently
- As much information as possible should be provided including
 - Profession
 - Dates,
 - Timelines
 - Learning goals
 - Any visa requirement which will affect dates etc
 - Any activities required by Birmingham e.g. letters for visas
 - If the placement needs to be coordinated with other attendees
- Applications should be made to Mr Munir Shafi, Medical Resourcing Officer at Birmingham Heartlands Hospital (Munir.Shafi@uhb.nhs.uk) and cc Dr Anastasios Nikolaidis, Consultant Orthopaedics and Trauma Surgeon (anastasios.nikolaidis@uhb.nhs.uk)

Background Information on Birmingham Heartlands Hospital within University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust

UHB provides care over 4 hospitals across Birmingham and Solihull and is aligned to the local universities and provide undergraduate education for medical, nursing and allied professions. There are two on call rotas and the hospitals are grouped as Heartlands, Good Hope and Solihull (HGS) and Queen Heartlands Hospital is the site where the Femoral Fragility Trauma Service operates. Patients with Hip or Periprosthetic Fracture are referred from all four sites for operative management. There are also regular

Ambulatory Trauma Upper and Lower Limb lists with a huge exposure to relevant Day case Trauma management.

Equal Opportunities

As a clinical observer you have a responsibility to ensure that all people that you have contact with during the course of your attachment, including patients, relatives and staff are treated equally in line with the Trust's Equal Opportunities Policy.

Risk Management

You have a responsibility for the identification of all risk which have a potential adverse effect on the Trust's ability to maintain quality of care and the safety of patients, staff and visitors, and for the taking of positive action to eliminate or reduce these.

This job description is not exhaustive and is seen as a guide only. It may be reviewed and changed in discussion with the post holder.

Due to the nature of this role, the successful applicant will be required to undergo enhanced level Criminal Records Bureau clearance before commencing work with the Trust. Clearance obtained via another institution or body cannot be transferred.

The successful applicant will also be required to undergo a Pre-Employment Medical Check before commencing work with the Trust. This will involve a medical history questionnaire and may also require an appointment with a member of the Occupational Health team.

Our Purpose

To improve the health of our patients and communities through delivering the best in clinical care, research, innovation and education.

Our values

To build healthier lives, we are guided by five values or principles that define and shape our working practices.

Collaborative

Working in partnership with others to provide safe, appropriate care and improve outcomes.

Honest

Being transparent in all that we do, communicating openly, inclusively and with integrity.

Accountable

Taking personal and collective responsibility for the way in which we deliver care.

Innovative

Being responsive, creative and flexible, always looking for ways to do things better.

Respectful

Treating everyone with compassion, dignity and professionalism.