

North Western Foundation School ELHT Programme

Individual Placement Description

Placement :
FY2 General Medicine - Cardiology
Who will be the Clinical Supervisor?
Dr K Balachandran
Where will the trainee be based (e.g. ward or department)
Ward based on Coronary Care Unit (CCU), Ward B18 and Cardiac Catheter Lab at Royal Blackburn Hospital. Ward cover on-calls – bleep 310 (B+D floors) shift 0800-2030 hrs or 2000-0830 hrs MAU cover on-calls – no bleep shift 1000-2230 hrs or 2200-1030 hrs There may or may not be out of hours work included.
Please give a brief description of the department:
Cardiology is a very busy medical department with a high turnover. There are 6 cardiology consultants, staff grade/cardiology speciality doctors, one ST3+ trainee, 3 CT2, 2 CT1 trainees, 1 FY2 and 3 FY1 doctors. There is a designated CCU consultant of the week on rota. The unit is composed of the CCU, Ward B18 and the Cardiac Catheter Lab (several interventional procedures occur during the day such as elective IP angiograms and pacemaker insertion and may require admission to B18 or CCU).
Please outline the main duties of this post:
Ward Care of patients with general medical/cardiology problems Attendance at ward rounds (patients spilt under different consultant teams – red, blue, green) Regular review of patients – daily consultant ward round. Routine ward jobs such as referrals, requesting investigations and discharge letters Clerking of new admissions from OPD clinic or admitted by heart failure team Provide doctor cover for Coronary Care Unit (CCU) when the CT doctor is not available (on leave or at teaching). This entails clerking new admissions from A&E and performing routine duties such as prescribing medication and review of patients The junior team present topics that they have encountered (10 minute presentation) in front of colleagues and consultants at the weekly cardiology meeting (cases, medicine, treatments, diseases etc). There will also be an opportunity to be involved in audit project

On-call shifts: reviewing unwell patients, out of hours cover for wards and admitting new patients on MAU
Typical working pattern in this post e.g ward rounds, clinics, theatre sessions
See Work schedule provided.
There are available clinics to attend depending on cover on wards and also opportunity to attend cardiac catheter lab to observe procedures.
Please indicate the working hours for this post:
There may or may not be out of hours work included.

It is important to note that this job description is a typical example of your placement and may be subject to change to meet the demands of the trainee or service.

Specific Learning Objectives for this Post

(other generic aspects of the Foundation Programme curriculum such as 'professionalism' will also be encountered and can be mapped accordingly in the trainees portfolio)

- Cardiology – greater understanding of cardiology – diseases, investigations, management in particular ECG analysis, arrhythmia management, ACS protocols
- Medicine – unwell patients (acutely ill), procedural skills (taps, drains etc)