

Student Charter for Clinical Placement

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- We would expect the trainee to arrive and be ready for work at 9.00am so that we can get an early start on the training, the day will finish at 5pm.
- They will need to bring their uniform, HCPC number, and completed application form if not already received. There is a hospital canteen to buy lunch if they wish.
- On the first morning there will be a short introduction to the Breast Imaging Department, including digital equipment, and an explanation of the clinical training timetable for the trainee. It will be a time to establish how much mammography experience the trainee has previously gained at their base unit.
- All trainees arrive with varying levels of expertise but it is expected that the trainee has had some hands on experience prior to the formal clinical training. As training time is short we like to know that the trainee feels comfortable in an intimate situation and at ease handling breasts otherwise valuable training time is lost.
- The trainee works one to one with a clinical trainer for 2 days. The trainer will demonstrate correct mammographic technique to the trainee. Depending on the experience of the trainee we will assist in positioning until the trainee is confident enough to complete one on her own.
- The trainer will never leave the trainee alone during an examination and will always be there supervising, offering advice and stepping in to help if necessary.
- The trainer will complete all the clinical paperwork and all the data inputting etc during the training days so that the trainee needs only to concentrate on her positioning technique.
- During this time the trainer will offer guidance, advice and individual tips gained from many years' experience on how to achieve optimum results especially on varying technique to accommodate different body shapes.
- We do not automatically change the technique of radiographers who have had previous mammographic experience if the images they produce are of a good

standard. However most trainees prefer to adopt our technique or adapt their own technique.

- Our aim is that the trainee will perform at least 20 mammograms during the 2 days although it will depend on the experience and expertise of the trainee.
- The department provides a variety of work throughout the week, including symptomatic one stop clinics, family history patients, and follow up outpatient clinics. Ultrasound, localisations, stereo core biopsies, assessment clinics, pattern recognition and additional views will be covered in the second module. It is important that the trainee gets as wide a range of mammography practice as possible over the 2 days.
- The trainee will usually have 1 trainer over the 2 days and we ensure that all the trainers work to the same standard of mammography and train in the same way.
- The trainee will be provided with a log book to record all their images from the university, there is a column for any comments to support their work and record any difficulties experienced in performing the mammogram. It is expected that the trainee will complete 250 mammograms before the final assessment. Final assessments are not normally completed until the trainee has had at least six month's experience.
- The trainee should continue to complete their log books up until the final assessment and not stop at 250 mammograms.
- Most trainees find the training days very intensive although we hope they leave us having had a positive experience. They will continue their training in their own department, helped by the mentors.
- It is essential that the trainee's department allow regular study time in order for them to complete the academic components of the mammography course.
- For the Formative and Summative assessments, students will need to attend the East Lancashire BSS at BGH. The images should be sent beforehand (2 weeks prior to assessment date) anonymised and annotated as per Blackboard instructions.