

West Midlands Central Foundation School

Individual Placement Description – Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham

Placement	FY1 Upper GI and Sarcoma General Surgery
The department	<p>General Surgery provides emergency surgical care for a population of around 700 000. This ensures the opportunity to experience all aspects of emergency surgical care.</p> <p>The colorectal unit has a wide practice in functional, malignant and inflammatory bowel disease, providing experience in all aspects of patient care, including enhanced recovery.</p> <p>The Upper GI Unit is the Gastro-oesophageal unit for Birmingham and the Black Country covering both malignant disease and complex benign disease. In addition the sarcoma unit delivers care for intra-abdominal sarcomas to the Midlands and Central England.</p>
The type of work to expect and learning opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wide experience within the full range of general surgery specialties • Good Consultant support • Surgical Assessment Unit and Acute Surgical Ward for surgical admissions • Regular ward based teaching • Opportunity to gain skills in the diagnosis and management of the acutely ill surgical patient • Encouraged to attend theatres; particularly to gain experience in cannulation / intubation and management of the anaesthetised patient • Encouraged to scrub and assist at surgical operations • Nurse-led pre-assessment clinics • Encouraged to attend the weekly MDT meetings • Audit and morbidity/ mortality meetings • Opportunity for involvement in surgical research with the academic surgical unit for those interested • Half day alternate week FY1 teaching Weekly Surgical Grand Round • Excellent support structure for Foundation trainees • Career support • ALS • Bi monthly junior doctor FY1 forums • 3 days of self development time per rotation
Where the placement is based	Queen Elizabeth Hospital
Supervisor(s) for the placement	Over the period of your placement, you will be working with a number of Consultants all of whom can provide clinical supervision during the time you are on duty with them. However, you will be assigned a specific named Clinical supervisor for the placement and a named Educational Supervisor for the year.

Main duties of the placement	<p>The work on the Surgical unit will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ward duties include supporting the care and recovery of patients after a range of intermediate and major surgery. This includes maintaining contemporaneous notes, arranging appropriate investigations in consultation with other members of the team, preparing ward round lists, ward round, discussing CT scans with radiology, taking and chasing bloods & blood cultures, cannulation, ABG's on occasion, Cauterisation, NG tube insertion, reviewing patients as required, checking bloods and booking ITU beds for patients • The types of patients issues you will typically deal with will be abdominal pain, vomiting, haematemesis, PR bleeding, chest pain, lumps in abdo, constipation, oesophageal cancer, pancreatitis, gall stones, gastric cancer, colorectal cancer • Preparing the theatre lists for the teams in conjunction with the consultants <p>On call duties include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessing new patients referred to surgery in conjunction with more senior members of the team, • caring for day-to-day needs of emergency surgical patients on emergency surgery unit • General care of the patients on the ward after theatre – with skills to be gained in complex fluid management and assessment of cardio-respiratory problems • Preparing for the weekly meeting when patients being admitted the following week are discussed to ensure all assessments are complete
Typical working pattern in this placement	<p>Ward Rounds Clinics Theatre Sessions 3 x weekends (3 x 3 days), 3 sets of SAU weekdays on calls (3 x 5 days), 2 sets of night shift (1 x weekend night shift)</p>
Guardian of Safe Working	<p>Dr Jason Goh</p>
Director of Medical Education	<p>Dr Ola Erinfolami</p>
Rota Co-ordinator	<p>To be confirmed at your local departmental induction.</p>
Educational Supervisor	<p>To be added to Horus prior to starting in post</p>
Medical Resourcing	<p>MedicalResourcing@uhb.nhs.uk</p>
Employer information	<p>UHB is one of the largest teaching hospital trusts in England, serving a regional, national, and international population.</p> <p>Our multiple sites, Birmingham Heartlands Hospital, the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham, Solihull Hospital and Community Services, Good Hope</p>

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It is important to note that this description is a typical example of your placement and may be subject to change.