

OBSTETRIC ANAESTHESIA FELLOWSHIP REGISTRY

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Duration: Twelve months from start date usually August

Grade: Post fellowship SpR, or equivalent, desirable

General: This is a full time, clinical research post for one year, which is open to all post-Fellowship anaesthetic SpRs or equivalent with an interest in obstetric anaesthesia. The successful applicant will spend most of his/her time on Labour ward, and will gain experience in research methodology and data analysis. Experience with information technology is useful but not essential, as this again can be learned during the course of the year. The Research Fellow will work closely with members of the obstetric and midwifery staff whilst conducting his/her study, and so good communication skills are beneficial. As well as recruiting patients for ongoing research, and so helping to conduct current studies, the Research Fellow will be involved in writing ethics applications and protocols for future projects. He or she will thus also gain valuable experience in setting up studies, as well as completing their own research project. A full range of computer facilities is available within the labour ward area including university (UCL) online access to multiple journals, Medline, and statistical and bibliographic database software. The Fellow will have opportunities to attend and present his or her work at several anaesthetic meetings. In the past these have regularly included presentations at the Group of Obstetric Anaesthetists in London (GOAL), the Obstetric Anaesthetist's Association (OAA) annual general meeting, and the Society for Obstetric Anesthesia and Perinatology (SOAP) meeting in North America. UCLH currently funds the post and the Fellow will be paid his or her salary (+ banding) according to the current NHS pay scale. NHS superannuation / NI contributions will also continue to be paid throughout the year.

Clinical: The on call commitment is 1 in 9. The clinical commitment will on average be one 12-hour daytime session (8am to 8pm) every week with the rest of the time during the working week allocated to research. Study leave is funded in the usual way. The Obstetric Unit at UCLH is involved in the care of many high-risk patients. There will therefore be plenty of opportunity for the Research Fellow to learn more regarding the management of these patients.

Hospital: The Elizabeth Garrett Wing of UCLH was opened in October 2008 and consists of a state of the art obstetric facility currently dealing with over 5,000 deliveries. There are 10 funded consultant obstetric anaesthesia sessions which will shortly increase to 15 sessions so that there will be 2 consultant anaesthetists covering the delivery suite during the morning and 1 in the afternoon in addition to SpR cover. Elective caesarean sections are carried out 5 days a week.

In summary, the UCLH Research Fellow in Obstetric Anaesthesia will gain valuable experience in all aspects of clinical research, as well as developing his or her clinical skills. It provides a sound basis for anyone considering a career in Obstetric Anaesthesia.