

Fellowship in Obstetric Anaesthesia

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Duration: 6-12 months

Grade: Post Fellowship Registrars

General:

The post holder will be expected to join in existing research and contribute to the development of new programmes. Duties may include inter alia researching the literature, liaison with third parties such as drug and equipment companies, completion of research ethics and grant funding applications, preparation of supporting paperwork and databases, attendance at multidisciplinary meetings, patient recruitment, data gathering and analysis, and writing of abstracts and manuscripts for publication and/or presentation. Existing areas of interest include PIB/PCEA labour analgesia and Enhanced Recovery after Obstetric Surgery. The Clinical Research Fellow shall also be expected to participate as requested in obstetric anaesthesia activities that may not be directly related to current research programmes, for example local obstetric anaesthesia audit, teaching and training of junior anaesthetic staff on labour ward, attendance at antenatal anaesthetic assessment clinics, and teaching of midwifery staff.

Clinical:

The post holder will be allocated 3 clinical sessions per week. The Clinical Research Fellow will work in a 1 in 8 EWTD compliant rota to provide resident after-hours and weekend anaesthetic cover. It is envisaged that this will be primarily on the rota providing cover to the maternity hospital.

Hospital: The Hillingdon Hospital is situated in Uxbridge in the London Borough of Hillingdon. It is a busy district general hospital with just over 400 beds and provides care to over 350,000 people. The maternity hospital, which includes a labour ward with 11 delivery rooms and two integrated operating theatres, supports a fully varied approach to childbirth, ranging from home delivery through patient-controlled mobile epidurals to support for caesarean section on demand as an informed choice. There is an attached level one/two neonatal unit. The delivery rate currently stands at 4,300 births per year and is predicted to increase in response to current reconfiguration of health services in north-west London.

A 24-hour analgesia and anaesthetic service is provided, and the service includes two antenatal anaesthetic assessment clinics and four dedicated elective caesarean section lists. There is a high caesarean section rate, ranging from 25-30% in recent years, and over 95% of caesareans are carried out with regional anaesthesia. About 53% of all our women experience at least one anaesthetic intervention. The diversity of the local population provides an interesting and challenging case mix, with high rates of obesity and diabetic mothers. The attending consultants are Drs J Downer, R Gupta, M Nel (Lead Anaesthetist), J Ng, M Stevens and C Papageorgiou.