

LIVER NTN POST: ST MARYS HOSPITAL, LONDON (Paired with KINGS)

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This is an exciting post where the successful candidates can gain experience in management of the full range of inpatient and outpatient tertiary Hepatology presentations (excluding liver transplantation).

St Marys is a 450-bedded teaching hospital located in central London offering local services to the ethnically and socio-economically diverse residents of the City of Westminster as well as providing secondary and tertiary services for the population of NW London and beyond. In 2007 St Marys merged with Hammersmith and Charing Cross Hospitals to form one of the largest NHS Trusts in

England, Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust, and entered into a partnership with Imperial College London to create the UK's first Academic Health Science Centre. In 2014 St Marys opened a State-of-the-Art Endoscopy Suite.

The Liver Unit at St Marys is a busy tertiary hepatology facility with full integration of the academic department, basic science, translational research and NHS clinical service.

The Department provides Hepatology outpatient services in St Mary's, St Charles', Hammersmith, Charing Cross and Queen Charlotte's hospitals as well as outreach clinics into local Drug Treatment Services and offender healthcare settings. In addition to General Hepatology Clinics, members of the Department provide specialist clinics in alcohol, NASH, liver oncology, HBV, HIV co-infection, autoimmune liver disease, antenatal care, paediatric hepatitis, decompensated cirrhosis, pre- and post-liver transplant.

Within the Department is a 4-bedded clinical day unit offering ambulatory care for patients with decompensated cirrhosis, liver biopsies, day-case paracentesis and venesection and clinical research. There is a busy clinical trials team managing a wide-range of commercial and investigator led studies.

The department also manages inpatient hepatology beds on the St Marys site admitting a wide range of patients - the majority with decompensated liver disease.

There is a very active, fully integrated, basic science research group with co-located laboratory facilities and successful candidates will be encouraged to continue, initiate or collaborate in the scientific research of the Department.

The Liver NTN will join three SpR's on the NW Thames Gastro rotation and 5-7 Hepatology Research Fellows. For four months of the 6 month placement the trainee will participate in four Hepatology OP clinics per week including Specialist cirrhosis and HCC clinics, and one endoscopy list per week where they can train in the endoscopic management of portal hypertension (please note this post does not offer training in ERCP or EUS). They will perform weekly paracentesis on the clinical day unit. They have management commitments including representing the Hepatology Trainees at the Senior Staff meeting. For two months of the placement they will manage Hepatology inpatients with a variety of presentations including acute on chronic liver failure, acute liver injury and pancreatobiliary pathology.

Depending on experience, the post-holder will be able to participate in the emergency out-of-hours endoscopy rota.

They will be encouraged to pursue those aspects of tertiary Hepatology that interest them, that will complement their previous experience and help to consolidate their training programme.

Educational opportunities include weekly Histology, Radiology, Liver cancer, Cirrhosis and HCV MDT's, weekly "In-House Hepatology Educational Seminars", a weekly joint Gastroenterology and Hepatology journal club, a weekly academic 'Research in Progress' meeting and weekly Grand Rounds.

Additional information regarding this post can be obtained from Dr Heather Lewis (heather.lewis4@nhs.net).