

SOUTHAMPTON SPECIALTY TRAINING PROGRAMME IN HEPATOLOGY/TRANSPLANT

9 months Southampton / 3 months Cambridge

The Hepatology Training programme is a shared post approved for subspecialty training in Hepatology and is appropriate for ST3+ post holders wishing to specialise in Hepatology long term. The post holder must already be in a gastroenterology specialist training programme and this is a 1 year out of programme training experience consisting of:

- **9 months specialist hepatology experience at University Hospital Southampton**
- **3 months of liver transplant experience at Addenbrookes Hospital Cambridge (see separate job description – Wessex – (Southampton) - Cambridge Hepatology JD)**

The Southampton Liver Unit is the major hepatology centre on the South Coast with significant clinical activity derived from both local referrals and tertiary referrals from Wessex and beyond. This post offers an exciting challenge to a gastroenterology trainee wishing to pursue a career in Hepatology. The hepatologists, Trust management and the University of Southampton consider hepatology to be a flagship service and share a vision to maintain the high quality clinical activity and research output of this clinical grouping.

The trust has completed expansion of the endoscopy suite to form a 7 room facility. Opportunities exist for training in diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopy including ERCP, spyglass and endoscopic ultrasound. There are excellent links with interventional radiology, HPB surgery and oncology services available on site and close links with these specialities provide complex tertiary practice opportunities. Transjugular liver biopsies, TIPSS and percutaneous biliary interventions are provided on site along with comprehensive treatments for liver cancer including resection, TACE, ablation and SIRT.

The Trust has 2 dedicated gastroenterology and hepatology wards (male and female). Each ward has a recently opened GI bleed/liver bay with enhanced nursing support and monitoring to provide high dependency care to the sickest patients. There is a regular education programme for nursing and allied professional teams and the post holder will be encouraged to take a part in delivering this.

Southampton University Hospitals Trust is a major teaching centre for the University of Southampton, offering opportunities for undergraduate and postgraduate teaching and excellent facilities for research and clinical care. The post will be closely linked with the research activities of Southampton University. There are opportunities for clinical, translational or basic science research

both within the Hepatology department and within the close collaboration with other university departments (public health, epidemiology, nutrition and metabolic medicine). The successful applicant should find an environment keen to support research work with the possibility of developing a research proposal during the post if so desired. We have a purpose built clinical research facility specifically for studies and trials and the post holder would have the opportunity to participate in clinical hepatology trial work.

The post offers training in liver transplantation in conjunction with the surgical transplant unit in Addenbrooke's hospital in Cambridge. The post holder will spend 3 months in Cambridge as a full member of the hepatology team to obtain specific dedicated transplant training (see separate job description). In addition Southampton runs a regular transplant clinic reviewing patients who require transplant assessment, those on the waiting list and those who have undergone transplantation as well as a monthly joint transplant clinic in conjunction with the team from Cambridge.

Applicants will be expected to have a broad training in general medicine and gastroenterology. Applicants both pre and post research are encouraged to apply. This is a pure hepatology post without general medical on call however it may be possible to negotiate this into the job plan if desired by the applicant.

The Department

Medical staff - Consultants:

- Dr Ryan Buchanan (general hepatology, public health/hepatology research)
- Prof S Khakoo (general hepatology, immunology, HCV and HCC research)
- Dr Kathryn Nash (general hepatology, HCC, transplantation) – training lead
- Dr Janisha Patel (general hepatology, HCC, alcohol and NAFLD – iQILS lead)
- Dr Nadeem Tehami (general hepatology, ERCP and EUS)
- Dr Mark Wright (general hepatology, viral hepatitis, ERCP – departmental lead)
- 15 Luminal gastroenterologists (full range of gastroenterology services including tertiary IBD, intestinal failure, advanced endoscopy)

2 SpRs (this post and one other SpR from the Wessex rotation)

2 hepatology research fellows (SpR grade)

4 training doctors - IMT3, IMT1/2, FY2 & FY1

Advanced nurse practitioner

Specialist nursing team (6 predominantly focusing on viral hepatitis, 5 alcohol support nurses, 3 cancer support nurses)

Clinical trial nursing team

Sample current programme

Monday am	Consultant WR
Monday pm	General Hepatology Clinic
Tuesday am	Viral hepatitis MDT 8.15 – 9.00
	Ward Round or Viral hepatitis clinic (screening pre-treatment, trouble shooting on treatment etc)
	Monthly joint liver transplant clinic with Addenbrookes
Tuesday pm	Liver academic meeting (Journal club, M&M, Audit, case based discussion, presentations)
	Ward support/audit/CPD/Endoscopy
Wednesday am	HPB MDT 8.30-12.00
	Gastroenterology/hepatology academic meeting 12.30 – 13.30
Wednesday pm	Specialist Clinics (paediatric, CF)
	Endoscopy/ERCP
Thursday am	Endoscopy/ERCP/Consultant WR
Thursday pm	General Hepatology Outpatients
Friday am	Hepatology hot clinic – SpR clinic for acute referrals, ward discharges etc
Friday pm	Ward support

On job duties

1 day per week (rotational) GI bleed cover

Supervise junior doctor team and provide ward support

Provide cover/support for specialist nurses

Hospital wide hepatology referrals

Plan and supervise audits

Organise regional transplant referrals and plan work up/ liason with transplant centre

Organisation and planning of complex elective inpatient investigation/ intervention.