

Job Description

Grade: Post-CCT RCS Senior Clinical Fellow in Robotic Oesophagogastric Surgery (MT05)

Department: Surgery

Reports to: Clinical Director

Job Summary:

Applications are invited for a Post-CCT Senior Clinical Fellow post in Robotic Oesophago-gastric Surgery based in Queen Alexandra Hospital, part of Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust. **This is a 12 month post available from November 2026.**

The post holder will primarily be responsible for the day-to-day care of the patients on the Upper Gastrointestinal and General Surgery Unit which has 6 full-time Consultants, 3 Senior Specialist Registrars, 3 Core Trainees, 4 Foundation Year Trainees, 5 clinical Nurse Specialists, 2 surgical care practitioners, 2 research fellows, and a specialist Dietician. The successful candidate will be involved with all aspects of the elective and emergency work of this team and will share responsibilities with the registrars. The successful candidate will also take part in the general surgical on-call consultant rota with 2-3 nights per month (non-resident) on call. Apart from extensive robotic exposure, the successful candidate will deliver a fortnightly day-case list, perform a fortnightly benign upper GI clinic, prepare and attend the weekly cancer MDT, attend the weekly cancer clinic, and partake and lead on ward rounds.

This post offers opportunities for significant operative experience of resectional oesophagogastric, benign upper gastrointestinal and abdominal wall surgery, with a particular focus on robotic surgery. The post is supported by the Royal College of Surgeons of England in the context of a senior clinical fellowship. The successful candidate is expected to become independent in benign robotic upper GI surgery at the end of the Fellowship but will also be involved in oncological resections. The Unit performs around 60 resections, in excess of 100 funduplications, 200 bariatric procedures, 200 ventral/incisional hernia repairs (including abdominal wall reconstruction), and up to 1000 cholecystectomies per annum with one of the largest acute services in the country.

Please note that this post does not carry Postgraduate Dean's approval or training recognition.

Key Responsibilities:

The post has been an RCS recognised senior clinical fellowship in robotic oesophagogastric surgery for the past 7 years. We aim to appoint a well-trained post-CCT Fellow with a proven interest in robotic surgery. Training and experience in a tertiary referral centre for UGI disease is essential, and a higher degree, UGI publications and ongoing UGI research interests will be looked upon favourably. Robotic UGI surgery experience is desirable, but not essential. Ability to work very flexibly as a team member with existing colleagues is essential.

Minimal access surgical training in benign UGI surgery (including cholecystectomy, hernias & hiatal surgery) is an essential part of this post as most patients are operated on laparoscopically or robotically in this unit, including the emergency patients. Being a competent surgeon entails more than just operative skills, and evidence will be sought as to the appointee's ability & judgement to manage post-operative complications and/or critically ill patients.

The successful candidate will provide 2-3 nights of consultant cover for emergency general surgical patients.

Full details of the post can be found on the Royal College of Surgeons website: <https://www.rcseng.ac.uk/education-and-exams/accreditation/rcs-senior-clinical-fellowship-scheme/national-surgical-fellowship-scheme-register/general-surgery/>

Elective work:

The appointee will work directly with a team of 10 consultant surgeons, 7 of whom have a major interest in robotic oesophagogastric, abdominal wall & bariatric surgery. The appointee will be expected to be familiar with, and to have had training in, all aspects of UGI surgery including, oesophagogastric cancer, laparoscopic cholecystectomy (emergency and daycase), fundoplication, laparoscopic hernia repairs (groin and incisional). Robotic experience is looked upon favourably, but the purpose of this post is to train the successful candidate in robotic surgery.

Emergency work:

The successful candidate will do 2-3 nights per month (non-resident) consultant general on-call.

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Person Specification

Qualifications

- Full GMC registration with a licence to practice
- Applicants should be post-CCT or equivalent and planning a career in Oesophagogastric Surgery.

Clinical Skills

- Understanding of clinical risk management

Knowledge

- Able to demonstrate appropriate level of clinical knowledge
- Knowledge and use of evidence based practice
- IT skills
- Effective, confident presentation ability
- Experience in and outside speciality

Other

- Evidence of participation in audit
- Good oral and written communication skills
- Publications
- Prizes and honours
- Logical thinking, problem solving and decision making

Job holders are required to act in such a way that at all times the health and well being of children and vulnerable adults is safeguarded. Familiarisation with and adherence to the Safeguarding Policies of the Trust is an essential requirement for all employees. In addition all staff are expected to complete essential/mandatory training in this area.

Print Name:

Date:

Signature: