## Foundation Training Job Description

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### The type of work to expect and learning opportunities

The post provides training and educational experience suitable for General Professional Training in General Internal Medicine. All attachments are recognised for postgraduate training.

Each F2 will have a dedicated Consultant as Clinical Supervisor. An induction course, regular appraisal of the post-holder and the educational content of the post will be arranged and supervised. In addition to in-post education on the wards and in outpatients, many opportunities exist for oncology teaching within this post.

An Induction programme, specifically for the F2s will be run during the first week of the placement. This is followed by a weekly teaching session in addition to the General medical teaching and is designed to support the educational plans of the Juniors in post.

### Where the placement is based

The Medical Oncology Unit at St. James’s University Hospital is a key department within the St James’s Institute of Oncology. The Unit acts as a tertiary referral centre providing non-surgical care for cancer patients referred both from within the Cancer Centre and from the associated of the Yorkshire Cancer Network in Yorkshire (Airedale Bradford, Dewsbury, Halifax, Harrogate, Huddersfield, Wakefield and York).

The Unit is closely integrated with the Cancer Research UK Clinical Centre in Leeds and the Centre for Cancer Research of the University of Leeds Research School of Medicine. There is also close collaboration with the Palliative Care Team and with other surgical and non-surgical teams including clinical psychology.

Patients are referred for initial assessment and staging, and consideration for systemic anti-cancer therapies. These include some intensive therapies involving stem cell and bone marrow transplants biological therapies, conventional chemotherapy, radiotherapy and palliative and asymptomatic care.
A key role of the Unit is cancer research, both clinical and laboratory. Patients are encouraged to enter clinical trials if they are eligible and the clinical unit supports the laboratory unit in pursuing translational research.

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<th>Educational and Clinical Supervisor(s) for the placement</th>
<th>Dr. Paul Hatfield, Dr. Ganesh Radhakrishna</th>
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**Main Duties of the placement**

This will include:
- The assessment and staging of patients with cancer, day to day management of the cancer patients, supported by nursing staff, SpRs and consultants
- Formulation of treatment plans in association with the surgical and clinical oncologists of the various multi-disciplinary teams
- The management of acute toxicity following chemotherapy (e.g. neutropenic sepsis)
- The monitoring of response to therapy
- The management of acute disease related complications and other oncological emergencies
- The palliation of symptoms including caring for the dying
- The management of patients within clinical trials
- Collection of clinical research data within the various clinical databases of the department
- Communication with cancer patients and their relatives
- Opportunities to attend outpatient Oncology clinics
- Participation in the on call rota (1:9)

**Typical working pattern in this placement**

- **Standard working day** is 08:45 - 16:30
- **Acute days** are 08:45 - 16:45 (on-call)
- **Late shifts** are 13:45 - 21:15
- **Night shifts** are 20:45 - 09:15

**Employer**

- Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

It is important to note that this description is a typical example of your placement and may be subject to change.