

Chemical Pathology



What is Chemical Pathology?

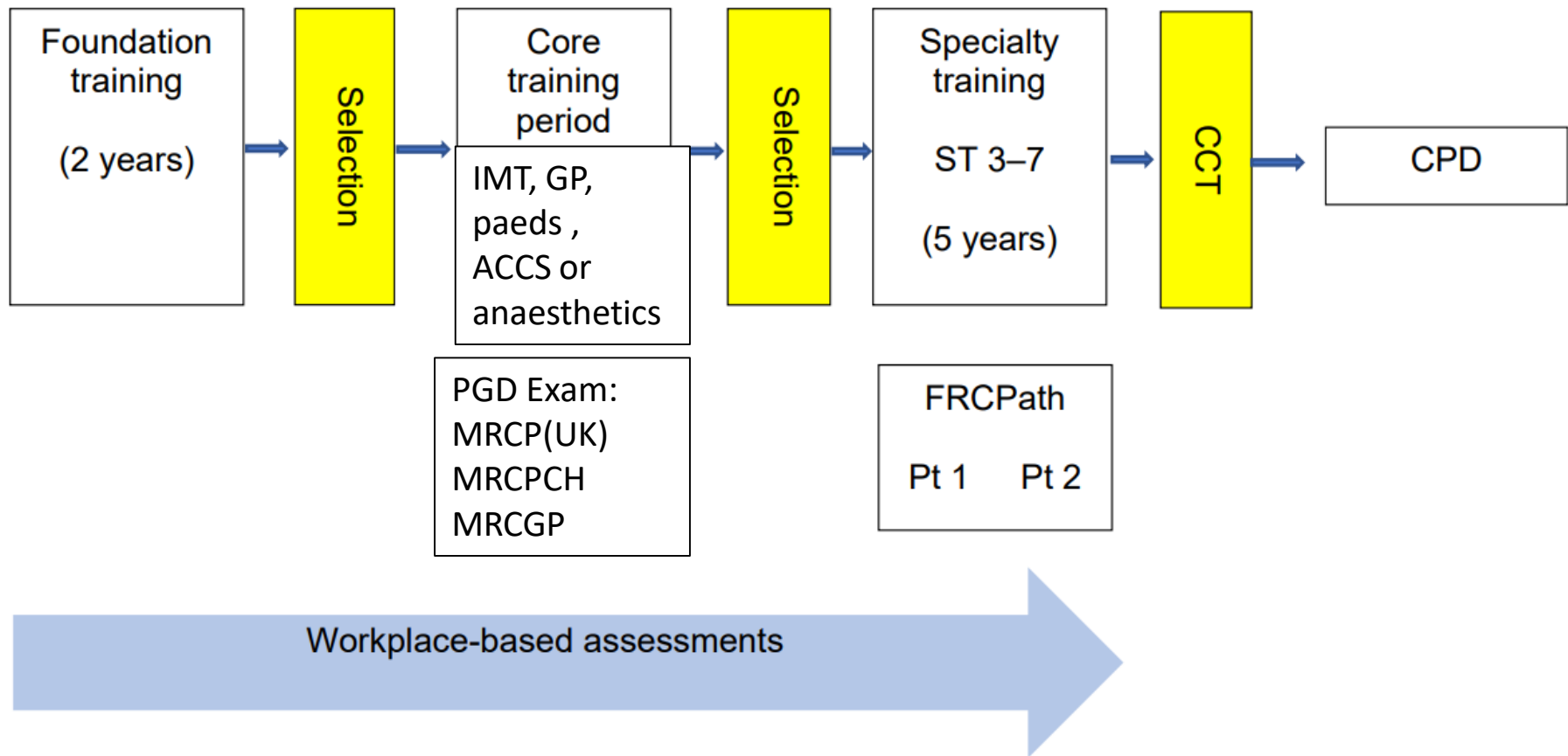
The scope of Chemical Pathology is broad, covering the **biochemical processes** that underlie the whole of human physiology and medicine... the measurement of **biomarkers** to make an accurate diagnosis... and the treatment of **metabolic disease**



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The background of the image is a deep blue gradient, overlaid with various chemical structures in a lighter blue, semi-transparent style. These structures include hexagonal rings, some with methyl groups (CH3) attached, and a more complex ring system with a carbonyl group (C=O) and a hydroxyl group (OH). The text "Chemical Pathology" is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font, slanted upwards from left to right, and has a subtle drop shadow to make it stand out against the background.

Chemical Pathology Training



A microscopic image of neurons, showing their cell bodies (soma) and long, branching processes (dendrites and axons) against a dark background. The neurons are stained in a light blue/cyan color. The text "Chemical Pathology" is overlaid diagonally across the center of the image in a white, bold, sans-serif font.

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Chemical Pathology Curriculum

- The curriculum requires training to be undertaken both in the **laboratory** and in **clinical** settings.
- The scope of Chemical Pathology covers the whole of medicine.



Chemical Pathology Curriculum

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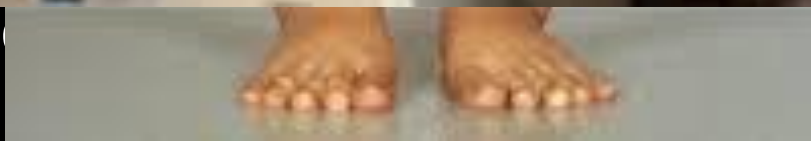
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Why Chemical Pathology?

- Chemical Pathology offers a **varied** and **interesting** career
- The laboratory element offers close links with **research** and **innovation**
- The **clinical** element forges close relationships with hospital and primary care colleagues

Why Chemical Pathology?

- Direct **clinical care** in the area of your interest allows development of expert knowledge and skills
- Good **work-life balance**



A microscopic image showing several chromosomes. The chromosomes are dark, thread-like structures with distinct X-shaped patterns. One chromosome in the center is highlighted with a bright, glowing orange-yellow band across its middle, indicating a specific point of interest or a site of chemical modification. The background is dark, making the chromosomes stand out.

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A Day in the Life of a Chem Path Trainee

09:00

Clinic



- **Dyslipidaemia**
- **Diabetes**
- **Metabolic Bone Disease**
- **Inborn Errors of Metabolism**

Learning under consultant supervision

A Day in the Life

13:00



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A Day in the Life

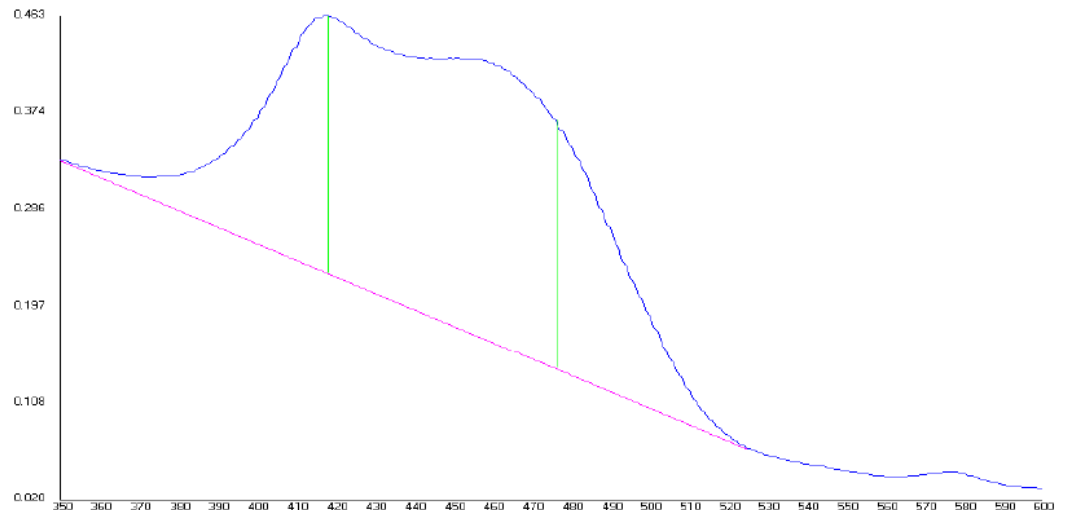
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Lab

Urgent reporting of positive CSF for subarachnoid haemorrhage



Analysis of Cerebrospinal Fluid for Bilirubin



A Day in the Life

Lab

GP phones for advice on a patient with hyponatraemia

- What could be causing it?
- How does one investigate?
- How does one treat?



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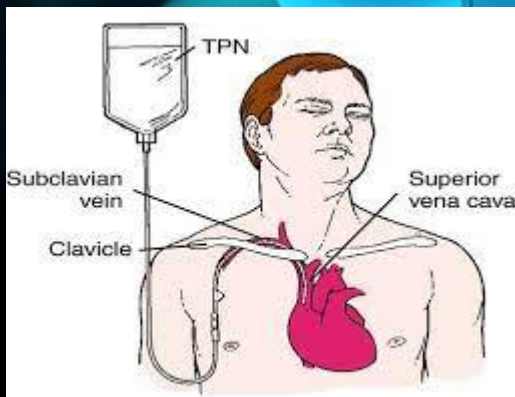
A Day in the Life

15:30

Ward Round



Gastroenterologist
Chemical Pathologist
Pharmacist
Dietitian
Specialist nurse



Very sick patients who cannot be fed via the gut – PRESCRIBE, ADVISE, MONITOR

A Day in the Life

17:00

Home;

the night is young and you have
the whole weekend ahead of
you!



A rack of test tubes filled with a blue liquid, arranged in rows. A hand is visible holding a pipette, dispensing liquid into one of the tubes. The background is dark, and the tubes are illuminated from below, creating a glowing effect.

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**Live Your
Best
Life**

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The background of the slide features a series of test tubes arranged in rows, each containing a blue liquid. The tubes are slightly out of focus, creating a sense of depth. A large red heart is superimposed over the center of the image, framing the text.

**Live Your
Best
Life**

Chemical Pathology Entry Criteria

Qualifications:

- Applicants must have:
 - MBBS or equivalent medical qualification
 - MRCP (UK) Part 1 or EEA eligibility **or** MRCPCH theory exams (all three) **or** FRCA part 1 at time of application
 - MRCP (UK) full diploma or EEA eligibility **or** MRCPCH clinical examinations **or** MRCGP by the required deadline

A microscopic image of tissue, likely stained with hematoxylin and eosin (H&E), showing cellular structures. The image is heavily processed with a blue color overlay, giving it a monochromatic appearance. The text "Chemical Pathology" is prominently displayed in the center in a large, white, sans-serif font. The background shows various cellular and tissue structures, including what appears to be a large, rounded cell or structure in the upper left and another in the lower right, both with internal detail visible despite the blue tint. The overall texture is granular and complex, typical of histological sections.

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Eligibility:

- Applicants must:
 - Be eligible for full registration with, and hold a current licence to practise from, the GMC at intended start date
 - Have evidence of achievement of 2 years Internal Medicine Training (Stage 1) by intended start date **or**
 - Have successfully completed core paediatric training by intended start date **or**
 - Have successfully completed General Practice training **or**
 - Have successfully completed Broad Base Training plus completion of core training in one of the above specialties **or**
 - Have successfully completed training in Acute Care Common Stem **or**
 - Have successfully completed core Anaesthetics training
 - Be eligible to work in the UK



**KEEP
CALM
AND
Train In
Chemical Pathology**

Further Information

- <https://www.rcpath.org/trainees/training/training-by-specialty/chemical-pathology-2021.html>
- [Specialty Training > Recruitment > Person specifications \(hee.nhs.uk\)](#) Chemical Pathology – ST3 2022
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