A Career in Paediatrics
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How may Paediatrics suit you

• Very Diverse options: acute sickness to community based settings
• Medical conditions are changing because of growth and development
• Family Orientated speciality
• Social and ethical aspects of health care
Paediatrics

- Communication Skills
- Emotional Resilience
- Committed Advocate for Children
- Team Working
- Informal, Flexible, Sense of Humour
Work and Leisure

- Flexible training and working fully embraced
- EWTD compliance largely achieved
Opportunities

• Overseas training possibilities
Opportunities

• Research and academic career pathways
Opportunities

- Limited opportunities for private income
Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health

The Paediatric Training Pathway
Medical School

Normally 5 years at university studying medicine.

Foundation Years (FY1 & FY2)

2 years of basic general medical training with exposure to a range of different specialities. At this point you start to earn a wage.

Choose your speciality

This is where you would select paediatrics as your specialty. Now see Level 1.

LEVEL 1 PAEDIATRICS

Year 1 (ST1)  Year 2 (ST2)  Year 3 (ST3)

ST: Speciality Training

These three years form the basic training in paediatrics, ensuring you have the basic knowledge and skills. You are assessed by the MRCPCH* examination and assessments within the hospital or other workplace setting. Now see Level 2.

LEVEL 2 PAEDIATRICS

Year 4 (ST4)  Year 5 (ST5)

* Membership exam for the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health

These 2 years form the basis of higher specialist training in paediatrics. Trainees enhance their knowledge and skills and gain competencies in three particular areas – neonates, community child health and acute paediatrics. Assessed in your workplace. Now see Level 3.

LEVEL 3 PAEDIATRICS

Year 6 (ST6)  Year 7 (ST7)  Year 8 (ST8)

During these 3 years trainees deepen and strengthen their skills in general paediatrics or specialise in one of the paediatric sub specialities (see list of specialties).

Consultant