### Individual Placement (Job) Description

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| **The department** | Neurosciences  
Consultant interest varies from paeds neurosurgery, neuro-oncology, pituitary, spinal. |
| **The type of work to expect and learning opportunities** | Expectation: Efficiency at managing inpatients (e.g. preparing discharge summaries early, make sure they get their scans etc. Neurosurgery wards have high patient turnovers, i.e. once they're fit for transfer, you must not delay referring patients back to their local hospital)  
Learning: Opportunities to go to theatre or clinic when ward jobs are done - no allocated session.  
You also get to do a lot of procedures (e.g. lumbar puncture, removing ICP bolts and EVDs, suturing, giving IT medication, even burrholes! under supervision)  
The registrars are all very approachable and supportive - any doubt or questions just ask  
Also opportunities to see paediatric patients in C Paeds  
Teachings:  
Tuesday 2pm-4pm - neurology teaching  
Thursday noon - bedside teaching with Mr Sepahi  
Friday 2-4pm - in seminar room, neurosurgical topics  
1st Friday monthly - M&M meeting. |
| **Where the placement is based** | Wessex Neurological Centre (Southampton General Hospital). |
| **Clinical Supervisor(s) for the placement** | Allocated on arrival. |
| **Main duties of the placement** | Ward rounds in the mornings with registrars. You do the ward jobs (e.g. bloods, discharges, referral back to patients' local hospital)  
Procedures e.g. LP  
You also clerk in new admissions on RTU (regional trauma unit). |
| **Typical working pattern in this placement** | Arrive at 8am, straight to seminar room for morning handovers. On call consultants will be there with the night registrar presenting the cases from the night and day before. Day teams registrars will be there as well to pick up any new cases relevant to their teams.  
Neurosurgical teams divided into 3:  
- Vascular  
- Skull base |
- Spinal

Around 830 am, ward rounds in D Neuro, C Neuro and C Paeds. Usually first thing after ward round, you will need to go request CTs for the day and then followed by other ward jobs.

For vascular team, on Tuesdays at 11am, there is a grand round in which all the consultants in vascular team will be present. Registrar or yourself present cases and take them around the wards.

You are free to pop in to theatre anytime of the day, whichever case you're interested to see, as long as ward jobs have been sorted.

On call then starts at 4pm, handover outstanding jobs.

Note: for early shift, see patients pre-op for the day, write up their regular prescriptions for inpatient use later in the day and VTE. Phlebotomists usually available in the mornings for these patients.

The day shifts are either of these:
7am-5pm (early)
8am-5pm (normal)
8am-8pm (long day)

On call hours: 4pm-8pm

Weekend shift: 8am-8pm, 8pm-8am

Nights: 8pm-8am

On call requirements:
Monthly nights, set of 4 on weekdays or 3 on weekends.
Monthly weekend shift (day or night)

For on call shifts, you cover all wards including neurology and rehab wards (C Neuro, D Neuro, C Paeds, Stanley Graveson, Victoria House Rehab)

You belong to one team for usually 2 months, and then rotate to another team.

Rota is available online on the computer system in Doctors office D Neuro - software called MAPS manager.

**Employer information**

University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust is a large teaching hospital with over 900 beds. The University of Southampton Medical School is on site. As district hospital, it serves a population of 350,000 people. With its tertiary services in neurosurgery, neurology, cardiology, cardiothoracic surgery, vascular surgery, hepatobiliary surgery, ophthalmology etc it serves a much wider population.

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