Specialty: Genitourinary Medicine

GMC: SES/421

Deanery sponsoring programme: South East of Scotland
Postgraduate Dean: Professor William Reid
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Programme Type -
- Deanery-based or National: National
- Specialty or Sub-specialty: Specialty
Date of GMC recent approval: August 2010
Associated Royal College / Faculty: The Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians Training Board (JRCPTB)

Web address
Curriculum and Associated Assessment System

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Recognised Programme Locations and Environments
This programme involves placements in some or all of these Health Boards and hospitals:

- NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde
- The Sandyford Initiative, (Central site and comm hubs)
- Gartnavel General Hospital/Western Infirmary
- Southern General Hospital
- Glasgow Royal Infirmary
- Princess Royal Maternity Hospital
- NHS Grampian
- Woolmanhill Hospital, Aberdeen
- Dr Gray’s Hospital, Elgin
- HMP Aberdeen
- Square 13, Aberdeen
- NHS Lothian
- Dept of Genitourinary Medicine, Lauriston Pl, Edinburgh
- Dean Terrace, Edinburgh
- Chalmers Hospital
- Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, Little France
- Western General Hospital
- St John’s Hospital, Livingston
- NHS Borders
- Health Centre, Curries Rd, Glashiels
- NHS Tayside
- Ninewells Hospital

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Programme Description

Why choose this programme
Genitourinary Medicine (GUM) is the specialty that informs the prevention and management of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) including HIV.

The core elements of the specialty are the clinical management of STIs and HIV/AIDS, surveillance and reporting, the prevention of morbidity and mortality due to STIs & HIV by initiating treatment, partner notification and behavioural change.
GUM physicians are required to have specialist skills in the delivery of HIV & GUM services, clinical governance, public health, epidemiology and the provision of contraception. The specialty of genitourinary medicine has a strong multidisciplinary team ethos and requires excellent communication skills. Close liaison is required with microbiology and virology, the specialties of acute medicine, obstetrics and gynaecology, sexual and reproductive health, child health, dermatology, accident and emergency, public health departments and mental health services.

The work of the specialist includes management of young people, refugees, psychosexual disorders and people who have been sexually assaulted. HIV care involves management of complex antiretroviral treatments, drug interactions, understanding of antiretroviral drug resistance patterns, treatment side effects and co-infection of HIV with hepatitis or tuberculosis. As the field is rapidly evolving it is expected that trainees will actively participate in research and audit.

This programme based in Scotland offers the full range and depth of specialty experience with trainees principally based in Glasgow, Edinburgh or Aberdeen. There is close working with colleagues in sexual and reproductive health to provide integrated services which provide holistic care. There is good access to internal and external training events and IT/library support. The International HIV drug therapy conference is held every other year in Glasgow.

The Scottish programme provides a positive work-life balance with limited out-of-hours commitments and access to both urban and rural settings.

The UK specialty association for GUM is the British Association for Sexual Health and HIV (BASHH). Prospective candidates can find further information of interest at http://www.bashh.org/education_training_and_careers/clinical_education

How to apply

http://www.scotmt.scot.nhs.uk

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Quality of Training

GMC Trainee Survey Information (2010) Link