Specialty: Cardiology

GMC: EOS/396

Deanery sponsoring programme: East of Scotland
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Programme Type -
- Deanery-based or National: Deanery
- Specialty or Sub-specialty: Specialty

Date of GMC recent approval: August 2010
Associated Royal College / Faculty: Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians Training Board JRCPTB

Web address: www.jrcptb.org.uk

Curriculum and Associated Assessment System: Link

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

East of Scotland – Placements in Dundee hospitals and Perth:
Ninewells Hospital, Dundee
Perth Royal, Perth
Edinburgh Royal Infirmary

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Programme Description

Why choose this programme
The East of Scotland Cardiology Training programme provides excellent training in all aspects of general cardiology as well as many sub-specialties. The main department is based in Ninewells Hospital in Dundee, providing experience in the care of cardiology patients - in the ward, coronary care and out patient setting.

Whilst in Ninewells, trainees also participate in an on-call rota covering acute cardiology problems throughout the hospital, and also including assisting with primary PCI. Training in echocardiography (including TOE), coronary angiography (including PCI), nuclear cardiology and brady pacing is all available on-site, with an increasing number of more complex devices now also being implanted.

Through links with the University of Dundee (also part of the Ninewells campus) there is a strong academic base with
an excellent track record.

The programme also offers placements in Perth Royal Infirmary. These are generally at the start of the programme and predominantly for training in General (Internal) Medicine but also offer the opportunity to train in echocardiography and TOE as well as covering the Coronary Care Unit and participate in Cardiology out-patient clinics.

The department is friendly and welcoming with a good relationship between consultants and trainees, enhanced by the high consultant to trainee ratio. There are weekly meetings for discussion of complex cases, current research and audits and there is a programme of monthly half-day educational sessions covering the breadth of the cardiology curriculum.

Although many subspecialty interests are available in Dundee, there is no on-site cardio-thoracic surgery, therefore trainees also rotate for a year (usually the penultimate year) to the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh for experience in a cardiothoracic centre. For those interested in electrophysiology there is the opportunity to spend sessions in Aberdeen, Glasgow, or Edinburgh to obtain further training in this area.

The East of Scotland Deanery involves Tayside, which is a beautiful area to live and work within. It has varied geography and offers diverse interests for individuals and families, from a thriving city life in Dundee to outdoor activities in Angus, Perthshire and North Fife. It has good road and rail networks to the other areas of Scotland. The quality of life in Tayside is excellent with easy access to beautiful countryside for sport and leisure as well as world-renowned facilities for golf.

Training within the Deanery is trainee focused with attention to individual trainee needs and aspirations. Ninewells is a University teaching hospital with opportunities to become involved in research.

How to apply

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

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Quality of Training

GMC Trainee Survey Information (2011) Link