Deanery sponsoring programme: West 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: The Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians Training Board (JRCPTB)

Recognised Programme Locations and Environments
This programme involves placements in some or all of these Health Boards and hospitals:
West of Scotland – placements in Glasgow hospitals, Lanarkshire, Ayrshire and Argyll & Clyde:
  Royal Infirmary Group, Glasgow
  Western Infirmary and Gartnavel General Group, Glasgow
  Stobhill Hospital, Glasgow
  Southern General Group, Glasgow
  Victoria Infirmary Group, Glasgow
  Forth Valley Royal Hospital
  Hairmyres, East Kilbride
  Monklands, Airdrie
  Wishaw General, Wishaw
  Crosshouse, Kilmarnock
  Ayr Hospital
  Paisley Royal Infirmary, Paisley
  Inverclyde, Greenock
  Stirling Royal Infirmary, Stirling

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Programme Description
In the West of Scotland, Rheumatology is a compact specialty which generates a collegiate atmosphere between senior and junior colleagues. It is noted for being a friendly and approachable specialty with a strong work and research ethic. There are a wide variety of training and research opportunities available with strong links to the Institute of Infection, Immunity and Inflammation at Glasgow University.
Structure
In the West of Scotland Programme trainees achieve Dual Accreditation in Rheumatology and General Internal Medicine. Trainees rotate annually between rheumatology departments based both in city centre teaching hospitals and district general hospitals. Therefore experience is gained in the practice of Rheumatology at both a secondary and tertiary referral level. Most attachments involve a commitment to General Medical Receiving (as part of GIM training) and rheumatology and general medical inpatient care. There is no specific rheumatology ‘oncall’ rota; however, in most departments the rheumatology trainee is the first port of call for interspeciality inpatient referrals and outpatient advice.

Training Experience
Rheumatology is a broad specialty which encompasses a wide variety of inflammatory, autoimmune and degenerative disorders. Most departments have specialist clinics in inflammatory arthritis (early rheumatoid arthritis, long-term DMARD / biologics follow-up, psoriatic arthritis), spondyloarthropathies and the connective tissue diseases which will expose the trainee to the vast majority of outpatient rheumatology care. These clinics usually allow trainees to identify a particular interest and expertise in a specific aspect of rheumatology. There is intermittent exposure to acute rheumatological presentations (e.g. acute arthritides, vasculitides) through general medical receiving and interspecialty referrals. Trainees will work as part of the multidisciplinary team in rheumatology and will gain experience in when to refer to Orthopaedics as well as other medical specialties. As trainees progress, they are encouraged to become increasingly independent clinicians knowing that senior support is readily available in difficult cases.

The West of Scotland has an active programme of basic scientific and clinical research into many different aspects of rheumatology. This provides trainees with ample opportunities to participate in many of the ongoing local research projects. There are opportunities to participate in local and national audit and to also gain experience of teaching at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels. There is an active local and national teaching programme which trainees are expected to attend and encouraged to participate in.

How to apply
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Quality of Training

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