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Ashford and St. Peter's Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

ENDOSCOPY UNIT



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Placement Profile

Endoscopy unit is under Diagnostics, Therapeutics and Cancer services Division. There are three procedure rooms, five admission rooms and twelve recovery beds. The unit provides:

- endoscopic and non-endoscopic procedures (breath test, pH manometry, small and large bowel capsule endoscopy, fibroscan) to approximately 12,000-14,000 people per year.
- Caters to both inpatients and outpatients.
- Performs a full range of diagnostic and therapeutic procedures (EUS, EBUS,ERCP, bronchoscopy and thoracoscopy) in working partnership with specialist doctors and specialist nurses.
- Out of hours on-call team to respond to urgent GI bleed, foreign body removal and urgent ERCP.
- Recently launched a National Bowel Cancer Screening Service

Daily Routine

The Opening Hours for endoscopy is as follows:
Monday to Friday – 0800 – 1900
Saturday and Sunday – 0800-1800
8.00 Patients start arriving for the morning lists and 13.00 for the afternoon lists.
8:15 am start admitting patients, soon after our morning huddle
9:00 am Procedure room starts until approximately 13:00.
12:00 to 14:00 Lunch
13:00 start admitting patients for the afternoon list, ready for the procedure room start at 14:00

Professional Behaviour

Adhere to the uniform policy whilst on placement, paying special attention to hair, nails, and jewellery. Smoking is not permitted anywhere on site. Mobile phones are not to be used in the clinical area. Always be open and honest and respectful to your colleagues and patients

Policies & Procedures

You will need to access and read the following policies as part of your induction; they are located on the Hospital Intranet. Fire, Health and Safety, Medicine Management, Minimal Handling, Infection Control Confidentiality, Missing Patient, Falls

Placement Requirements

You are required to work from 8:00-18:00 with total of 4 shifts per week. Contact the ward at least 2 weeks prior to your start date, to discuss any specific off duty request/travel issues with the nurse in charge. Practice Assessors will be allocated to you either at this point or on your first day of placement.

Learning Opportunities

Apart from providing direct patient care, you will be learning various gastro-intestinal conditions, diagnostic tests and treatment we provide. You will be given opportunities to:

- join and observe MDT meetings with permission from of one of our specialist nurses.
- Direct observation of small bowel and large bowel capsule endoscopy.
- A visit to our Decontamination unit where scopes are cleaned with high level disinfectant is also available to enable students to understand how endoscopes are cleaned and processed ready for next use.
- Opportunities to develop your nursing skills are available in each area of endoscopy unit from admission, procedure room, recovery and discharge.

Shift Pattern
8:00-18:00
Monday-Saturday

Car Parking
Parking permits/ID cards will be arranged prior to commencing your induction.

Café/Restaurant
Please refer to your Student Information booklet sent out via email prior to induction.

Public Transport
Please refer to your Student Information booklet sent out via email prior to induction.