



Royal College
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ADVANCING SURGICAL CARE

Job Title – Clinical Fellow (National Oesophago-Gastric Cancer Audit)

Salary – Pay scales for Junior Doctors in England up to ST5 (£40,257 to £51,017, plus London Weighting) in a full-time position or from ST6 to ST8 (£58,298 pro-rata, plus London Weighting) in a part-time position, depending on qualifications and experience

Contract Type – Fixed term (2 years), Full-time (35 hours)

Location - Clinical Effectiveness Unit – National Cancer Audit Collaborating Centre (NATCAN), based at the Royal College of Surgeons of England (RCSEng) and supported by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM). The post is available for remote working at any UK location, to be discussed upon appointment. The postholder will be expected to attend RCSEng regularly in-person for team working / meetings.

About us

The Royal College of Surgeons of England is one of the best known professional membership organisations in the world, with a name and reputation that speak for excellence in the UK and across the globe. We provide education, assessment and development to nearly 30,000 surgeons, dental surgeons and members of the wider surgical and dental teams at all stages of their career; we set professional standards, facilitate research and champion world-class surgical outcomes for patients.

The fellowship will be based in the National Cancer Audit Collaborating Centre (NATCAN) which sits within the Clinical Effectiveness Unit (CEU), based at the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

The candidate should have clinical experience (ST1-ST8) in a relevant discipline (Upper GI Surgery, Oncology, Gastroenterology) and have passed a Membership / Fellowship exam of a relevant Royal College. Excellent verbal and written communication skills and good organisational abilities are essential. Research experience is an advantage but training in research methods and statistical analysis will be provided.

There will be no clinical duties or on-call commitments.

About the role

We are seeking a clinician to join the National Oesophago-Gastric Cancer Audit (NOGCA). The audit evaluates the processes of care and outcomes for people diagnosed with oesophago-gastric (OG) cancer and treated in NHS hospitals within England and Wales. The audit strives to raise standards across all NHS hospitals for people with OG cancer by highlighting where cancer care is good, and identifying areas for improvement.

You will work in a vibrant audit and research environment, putting you at the heart of a national team that plays a key role in improving the care that people with OG cancer receive in England and Wales. You will be working in partnership with senior clinicians, representing relevant clinical communities and professional organisations in England and Wales, and senior statisticians and methodologists based at LSHTM.

You will support the development of the Audit, undertake data analysis into the determinants of variation in practice and outcomes, develop methods for quality assessment, and evaluate the impact of quality improvement initiatives. The results will be disseminated in reports as well as other outputs including conference presentations. The role will provide you with opportunities to contribute to high-profile peer-reviewed papers, which could lead to obtaining a higher degree (MD or PhD). The research will aim to strengthen the relevance and robustness of the Audit's outputs. This work will also benefit from the expertise available in the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), an internationally renowned centre for health services research and clinical epidemiology.

Responsibilities

- Analysing national linked cancer databases
- Reporting results of the Audit in reports and papers for peer-reviewed publications

- Presenting findings of the Audit at conferences
- Supporting delivery of the Audit's Quality Improvement Plan
- Liaising with professional bodies, charities and other stakeholders in order to publicise and support the work of the Audit

About you

We are looking for applicants with:

- Relevant clinical experience
- Membership/ Fellowship of a relevant Royal College
- Excellent numeracy
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Good organisational abilities
- Research experience is an advantage but further training in research methods and statistical analysis will be provided

What we can offer you

- 27 days paid holiday + bank holidays and up to 4 college closure days
- Flexible working
- Enhanced contributory pension scheme & other leave entitlements
- Variety of learning and development opportunities
- Wellbeing programme & Employee Assistance Scheme

Interested Candidates:

If you wish to apply or if you have any questions about this position please email your CV together with a cover letter to RCSHR@rcseng.ac.uk.

Any personal data collected from you, or that you provide to us, will be processed by us in accordance with our recruitment processes. If unsuccessful in your application, your information will be held by us on our database for a period of 6 months before deletion. If you would like your information removed sooner, please contact RCSHR@rceng.ac.uk

Closing date: Monday 03 June 2024

Candidates who are invited for an interview will be asked to give a short presentation demonstrating their relevant expertise and skills.

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