



Guy's and St Thomas'
NHS Foundation Trust



Visiting Professional Programme: HIV Pharmacy

Introduction

The HIV pharmacy staff at Guy's and St. Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust (GSTT) provide a comprehensive service to patients living with HIV within the outpatient and inpatient setting. This involves working as part of a multi-disciplinary team to deliver quality care to our patients, including running pharmacy clinics as independent prescribers for patients starting and switching HIV treatment, addressing patients adherence concerns, managing complex drug-drug interactions and leading a virtual clinic to discuss complex HIV treatment.

Who should attend?

The HIV Pharmacy programme is intended for non-UK pharmacists with an interest in HIV. These pharmacists can apply for an observership programme.

Duration

We are able to offer visiting pharmacists an observership for a period of two to eight weeks. During this period the visitor will have the opportunity to observe and practice clinical pharmacy skills for people living with HIV.

Format

The programme will be based within the hospital environment where HIV services are provided. This will be both for inpatients and within the outpatient setting. Visitors will work alongside, and learn from, experienced specialist pharmacists who will ensure that all of their learning and development needs are met.

Overall aims

The programme is aimed at those who wish to extend their expertise in HIV pharmacy and who wish to learn more about GSTT's HIV services.

The training aims to enable visitors to:

- Experience our range of sub-speciality services including HIV / tuberculosis coinfection, HIV / hepatitis B and C coinfection, HIV antenatal, HIV metabolic, HIV neurocognitive, dietetic and young adult HIV services
- Learn about the management of opportunistic infections and HIV related malignancies
- Learn about the use of antiretroviral therapy and how to manage adverse treatment events
- Experience tertiary level HIV in-patient care including access to HIV in-patient ward rounds, inpatient MDT meetings and the post admission clinic
- Attend complex case meetings including the management of virological failure, drug resistance and ARV toxicities
- Access our clinical trials team to gain insight into HIV trials and clinical trials governance

Sample timetable

Day	AM	PM
Week 1		
Monday	Introduction / induction paperwork	Educational pack
Tuesday	Ward round	Burrell street GU clinic
Wednesday	Educational meeting	Pharmacist clinic
Thursday	HIV/TB clinic	Discharge clinic
Friday	Ward round	HIV/HCV clinic
Week 2		
Monday	HIV/Renal clinic or research clinic	Pharmacist clinic
Tuesday	Ward round or physio/dietician clinic	Self-directed
Wednesday	Educational meeting Present case to pharmacy team/MDT	YAC
Thursday	HIV Antenatal clinic	HIV TAC or neurocognitive clinic
Friday	Ward round	Self-directed

HIV Pharmacy Service

About the Harrison Wing

The Harrison Wing is situated within Guy's Hospital and it provides specialist outpatient care and treatment for people living with HIV. The Harrison Wing team, which includes consultants, clinical nurse specialists, dieticians, pharmacists and physiotherapists, focus on the management of HIV infection and its associated problems and HIV treatments and they collaborate to provide all patient needs under one roof. The Harrison Wing provides a range of specialist clinics and support services which are available by appointment only after receiving a referral. These include:

- Women's/family clinic
- Antenatal clinic
- Ophthalmology clinic
- Metabolic clinic
- Gastroenterology clinic
- Tuberculosis clinic for patients with co-infection
- Emergency clinic
- New-fill clinic for facial lipoatrophy
- HIV pharmacy clinics
- Young adult clinic
- HIV/kidney clinic
- Hepatitis co-infection clinic
- Treatment advice clinic

In addition to the clinics we also provide a home delivery service for our patients, which delivers prescribed medicine to a patient's home or preferred address free of charges. This service is available for patients that have been stable on HIV medicines for the last three months, their HIV viral load has been suppressed for the last three months and they regularly attend appointments at the Harrison Wing.

About clinical pharmacy services

Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust Pharmacy department is one of the largest in the UK and has a strong focus on individual patient care. Patients in the hospital environment need more specialised care due to their condition so pharmacists will often attend the bedside of patients in hospital ensuring the safety and effectiveness of medicines and consulting the patient with regards to issues they may have regarding concerns about medicines.

Patients are prioritised according to their pharmaceutical care needs with junior pharmacists undertaking tasks which focus on the safety of patients, mid-grade pharmacists focussing on the effectiveness of medicines use and senior pharmacists working in areas where the evidence for medicines use is conflicting or lacking.

The clinical pharmacy service provides a seven-days-a-week service to key specialities and is supported by the resident (onsite) pharmacy service, which acts as the first point of contact for the pharmaceutical care needs of patients out-of-hours.

Faculty (Specialist HIV Pharmacists)

- Sheena Castelino – service lead
- Ali Grant
- Asim Ali
- Sarah Guard

Fees

A course fee per week will be applied. This excludes accommodation and travelling expenses. Participants will be provided with a certificate at the end of their placement. To find out the fee please contact us by emailing vpp@gstt.nhs.uk.

Registration and enquiries

To register for the HIV Pharmacy Visiting Professional Programme please complete the application form at www.guysandstthomasevents.co.uk and return to:

Education and Events

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Email: vpp@gstt.nhs.uk

Telephone: + 44 (0)20 7188 7188 extension 81622

Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust is one of the largest Foundation Trusts' in the UK. It consists of St Thomas' Hospital, Evelina London Children's Hospital and Guy's Hospital.



The Trust provides a full range of hospital services, as well as specialist services including cancer, cardiothoracic, women and children's services, kidney care and orthopaedics. Guy's is a major centre for cancer and renal services with the UK's largest kidney donor programme, and is also a leading centre for genetics, stem cell and allergy research and cleft lip and palate. St Thomas' is a leading centre for the treatment of cardiovascular disease and stroke.

The Trust has one of the largest critical care units in the UK and one of the busiest A&E departments in London. It is also home to the largest dental school in Europe and a new £160 million Cancer Centre opened in autumn 2016.



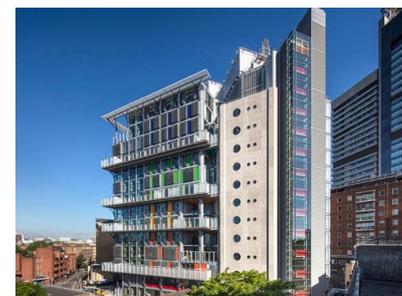
Guy's and St Thomas' has an annual turnover of £1.5 billion and employs 15,300 staff.

Last year, the Trust handled over 2 million patient contacts, including:

- 103,000 day cases
- 88,000 inpatients
- 1.2 million outpatients
- more than 800,000 patient contacts in community services
- 204,000 A&E attendances
- 6,659 babies born

The Trust has 665 beds at St Thomas', 288 at Guy's, 144 at the Evelina London Children's Hospital and 64 in the community.

NHS statistics show that our patient survival rates are nearly 25 per cent better than the national average. This is one of the lowest standardised mortality rates in the NHS and provides an important indication of the quality of care provided by our clinical staff.



In 2013, the Dr Foster Hospital Guide awarded us Trust of the Year for safe care.



Care Quality Commission (CQC) rating

For 2015/16 Guy's and St Thomas' achieved a 'Good' overall rating by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) with several services rated 'Outstanding'.

CQC inspectors visited the Trust's hospital and community services from 7-10 September 2015 with further unannounced visits taking place later the same month. In its report, the CQC praises staff who its inspectors found to be 'highly committed to the Trust and delivering high quality patient care'.

Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust values

Our values help us to define and develop our culture – what we do and how we do it.



Making people aware of the Trust values, making them part of our culture and demonstrating them through the organisation helps us develop a shared way of acting.

Our values are a key part of everything that we do as an organisation, from being included in staff job descriptions and in our publications, through to our work on leadership development and performance management. Our five values are listed below:

1. Put patients first
2. Take pride in what we do
3. Respect others
4. Strive to be the best
5. Act with Integrity

Every day we aim to provide the most exceptional care to our patients from dedicated staff who follow our five values. Take a look at our video at <http://gti/services/organisational-devt/values-behaviours/our-values.aspx> to see what our values mean to them.

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