



Visiting Professional Programme: Oncology

Introduction

The Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust Oncology Visiting Professional Programme (VPP) is designed to provide international visiting professionals with the opportunity to experience our highly acclaimed Cancer Centre first hand. The programme offers a unique chance to be fully integrated within a cancer centre which is patient-centred, research-driven and clinically-led.

The programmes are designed by our clinical leads to provide unique development experiences which enable visiting professionals to enhance their clinical expertise to transfer back to their work place. Participants will have exclusive access to observe and work in our Cancer Centre and gain insight into our Trust and the role that our Cancer Centre and its staff play within the NHS.

Who should apply?

This programme is intended for non-UK consultants, clinicians and AHPs, with an established interest in oncology, as well as nurses with 1-2 years' experience.

Visitors have the choice of applying for a practical attachment or observership programme. Those wishing to apply for a practical attachment must have GMC registration. You can apply for GMC registration directly through the main GMC website (www.gmc-uk.org), alternatively The Royal College of Physicians run a medical training initiative which facilitates GMC registration and provides sponsorship for a Tier 5 visa. You can find out more about their Medical Training Initiative by visiting their website (www.rcplondon.ac.uk/education-practice/advice/medical-training-initiative).

Duration

We are able to offer visiting professional programmes from 2 weeks to 3 months. The programme's duration can be tailored to the specific learning requirements of those visiting the Trust.

Format

The Oncology programme is delivered within Guy's brand new Cancer Centre and it includes exposure to clinics, inpatient ward rounds, multidisciplinary team meetings, and access to the departmental educational programme depending on the length of programme that visitors' request.

Visiting professionals will be aligned with supervisors from within the clinical teams who will facilitate agreed learning and development needs. We would expect visiting professionals to be totally integrated in the day to day service within our Cancer Centre and Oncology department.

Visiting professionals on longer placements may also have the opportunity to undertake a speciality research project.

Overall aims

The programme is aimed at those who wish to experience one of the UK's leading cancer centres within Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust.

The aims of the programme include:

- Access to all aspects of oncology at Guy's and St Thomas' including chemotherapy, radiology, palliative care, oncology pharmacy, survivorship, the Richard Dimbleby Laboratory of Cancer Research, outpatients, innovation (trials), acute oncology and more
- Direct experience and exposure to clinics and ward rounds, including the Grand round and Schwartz round
- Participation in multidisciplinary team meetings
- The opportunity to develop networks and close links for future close working relations through peer mentorship throughout the programme from a named mentor
- Access to departmental seminar programmes and trust wide programmes (depending on availability)

Individual weekly timetables will be created depending on each visiting professional's requirements.

Sample timetable

Week 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Introduction to Guys and St Thomas Orientation/Tour of Guys Cancer Centre	Meet Clinical Lead for Acute Oncology Service and observation of Acute Oncology Assessment Unit	Clinical Observation of Gynaecology Multidisciplinary meeting and clinic	Meet Head of Nursing to discuss nursing roles in Oncology	Clinical Observation in Lung Cancer Clinic
PM	Observation of Radiotherapy Department	Meeting with Clinical Director to set course objectives	Meet with Senior Oncology Pharmacist	Meet Clinical Lead for Chemotherapy and attend STOG meeting	Reflective tutorial with member of senior leadership team

Week 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Clinical Observation in Urology Clinic	Visit to Guys@Sidcup Cancer Centre Satellite	Clinical observation in Breast Cancer clinic	Attend Acute Oncology Ward Round at St Thomas	Meet with Lead for GI cancers to discuss clinic profiling
PM	Attend Oncology Senior Leadership meeting	Visit to Guys@Sidcup Cancer Centre Satellite	Meet with Breast Cancer Clinical Nurse Specialists to understand roles	Observe Head and Neck Cancer clinic	Reflective tutorial with member of senior leadership team

Week 3

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Breast Unit Multidisciplinary Meeting Clinical Observation in Breast Cancer clinic	Meet Clinical Lead for Inpatients and tour of ward Attend Ward prioritisation meeting	Meet Clinical Lead for Out patients	Observation of Brachytherapy service at St Thomas	
PM	Observation of Chemotherapy Day Unit and meeting with schedulers	Observation of Radiotherapy Dept.	Attend Cancer Centre Executive Board Meeting	Observation of Intervention procedures in Oncology and meeting with leads	Reflective tutorial with member of senior leadership team Attend Oncology Directorate Clinical Governance Meeting

Guy's Cancer Centre

We are one of the UK's leading providers of care and treatment for people with cancer.

We are home to some of the best specialists in the country and offer the very latest facilities and pioneering treatments, thanks to our extensive research programmes.

Our new, state-of-the-art Cancer Centre at Guy's Hospital brings most of our services under one roof, helping us to give our patients seamless care. The Cancer Centre offers a welcoming, uplifting environment, designed with patients at its heart. The centre will treat more patients with cancer – about 6,500 patients per year and will deliver radiotherapy treatments across all of south east London.

Our vision is to provide the very best cancer service to our patients by combining first class clinical care with ground-breaking research and high quality training and development. Over the next five years we will:

- improve outcomes and experience for cancer patients with complex needs in part through earlier diagnosis and the provision of high quality survivorship care
- embed whole person care across the cancer pathway and strive to bring treatment programmes closer to home
- develop and test new biological and cellular therapies in a range of cancers
- transform the delivery of cancer services at our new £160 million integrated cancer centre so patients will receive the right treatment at the right time, delivered within fewer visits and tailored to their needs

Guy's Cancer Centre aims to:

- increase life expectancy of individuals diagnosed with cancer in south east London and alleviate their suffering
- enhance the experience of patients and carers affected by cancer
- deepen knowledge and understanding of cancer by increasing the quality, quantity and profile of cancer-related research
- develop an internationally recognised pool of talented cancer clinicians, researchers and academics

Our ambitions are to:

- have no unnecessary waiting for patients
- have a single check-in per visit for patient appointments
- have a personalised service from the initial welcome through to any subsequent service
- improve support services with on-site complementary therapies and a patient information centre
- have an accessible service, open six days a week and for longer hours
- have an outstanding and uplifting experience when inside the building

"Together we aspire to be not only one of the leading comprehensive cancer centres in the UK but also one of the best in the world. We have ambitious plans to improve our services by working closely together. Our new Cancer Centre, opened in 2016, brings together many of our hospital-based cancer services, innovation and core research activities under one roof."

Professor Arnie Purushotham, Director of King's Health Partners Cancer Centre

Services

Guy's Cancer Centre treats many types of cancer, and each is treated in different ways, by our specialist teams with expertise in their field. Types of cancer we treat include:

- Breast
- Colorectal (bowel)



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- Geriatric oncology
 - Gynaecological
 - Head and neck
 - Hepatobiliary and pancreas – includes liver, pancreas and neuroendocrine cancers
 - Lung
 - Neurological (brain)
 - Skin
 - Oesophago-gastric – includes stomach and oesophageal cancers
 - Urological

We also work closely with the palliative care service.

Research leading to new treatments

We're one of the UK's biggest and most productive cancer centres linking laboratory research with the way we deliver cancer care.

Our researchers work closely with researchers at other organisations, such as King's College London, to find better ways to treat cancer. As part of King's Health Partners, one of the UK's six Academic Health Science Centres, our patient care is supported by teams of researchers who carry out pioneering studies to help improve the prevention, detection and treatment of a wide variety of cancers.

Recognised for excellence

Our partnership was awarded Comprehensive Cancer Centre status by the Organisation of European Cancer Institutes in 2015 in recognition of our excellence in patient care, research and training.

Once we identify treatments that could work, we need to test them to see if they are safe and effective. Many of our patients for whom treatment has not worked so far are eager to be involved in these clinical trials, so that they can access the latest treatments.

As soon as positive research findings emerge, our healthcare staff can put these new methods into practice, to ensure patients benefit from the new learning without delay.

Part of nationally funded research centres

We have several nationally funded research centres, including:

- Breakthrough Breast Cancer Research Unit
- Cicely Saunders Institute
- Comprehensive Cancer Image Centre
- Experimental Cancer Medicine Centre
- Institute of Cancer Policy
- NIHR Biomedical Research Centre at Guy's and St Thomas'
- Richard Dumbleby Laboratory
- St John's Institute of Dermatology

These networks keep us up to date with the very latest findings in cancer research.



Preparing for the future

We also have a cancer biobank, which collects tissue and blood samples gathered from patients. These are used for research that helps us to understand what causes cancer, which treatment options are likely to be effective, and how to improve patient care.

Innovation Hub at Guy's Cancer

Our Cancer Centre at Guy's includes a new Innovation Hub with state-of-the-art facilities.

Benefits for our patients

For patients, these two sides of our work – care and research – complete the circle of healthcare. The care we provide draws on the latest research findings, while our facilities also help develop the cancer treatments of tomorrow.

Oncology and haematology research

Our clinical trials team works closely with the oncology and haematology medical teams to recruit patients to our trials and to ensure patients are monitored closely throughout. Please watch the videos below to learn more about our oncology and haematology clinical trials.

We have a large portfolio of phase II and III trials that are split into teams for specific tumour groups. We also have a team dedicated to early phase trials and we run weekly early phase clinics in the clinical research facility. We attract commercial and non-commercial trials, ranging from interventional drug or radiotherapy trials to observational studies.

Clinical trials

Every year, more than 1500 of our cancer patients decide to take part in clinical trials.

Faculty members

Dr Anne Rigg, clinical director

Laura Dopson, head of nursing

Claire Hay, general manager

Clinical leads for services

Dr Hartmut Kristeleit, deputy clinical director medical oncology

Dr Fiona Castell, deputy clinical director clinical oncology

Chemotherapy – Dr Ana Montes

Radiotherapy – Dr Omar Al-Salihi & Dr Victoria Harris

Outpatients – Dr Mary Lei

Matrons

Cancer Centre / Inpatients – Elizabeth Rowland

Cancer Centre – Amy Mills

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.

www.guysandstthomasevents.co.uk/vpp

Registration and enquiries

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

Education and Events

Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

Email: vpp@gstt.nhs.uk

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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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