Haematology Training Prospectus

Higher Specialist Training Programme

Guy’s and St Thomas’ NHS Foundation Trust
Lead provider for
South London & Kent, Surrey and Sussex (KSS)

Working in partnership with
King’s College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
The Royal Marsden Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
and
Health Education England
Welcome

We are pleased that you are interested in our haematology higher speciality training programme. We will introduce you to the programme and provide you with further insight into the training itself.

The South London & KSS Haematology rotation education faculty comprises of consultants and clinical experts with administrative staff who deliver the programme across the region. Our training programme is delivered in partnership with leading London hospitals of international reputation and recognition at Guy’s and St Thomas’ NHS Foundation Trust, at King’s College Hospital NHS Trust, The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust and St George’s Hospital Trust. In addition, the rotations provide experience and training at teaching sites in KSS.

Embarking on our training programme is both challenging and rewarding. We provide experience in all areas of the Haematology curriculum. Our trainees are well supported and have an opportunity to train in the vibrant city of London, while living and working in some of the most exciting and diverse boroughs in the world as well as work in our sister sites in KSS.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your interest and we look forward to meeting you soon.

With best wishes,

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Dr Mark Ethell

Dr Raj Patel
Our Teaching Sites

Health Education South London (HESL) was introduced on 1st April 2013 as part of Health Education England (HEE). It was given the remit of being responsible for commissioning throughout the entirety of South London. As a result of this process, Guy’s and St Thomas's NHS Foundation Trust were awarded lead provider status for haematology speciality training in South London & Kent, Surrey, Sussex (KSS). © Changes to Medical Education in London, Shared Services, May 2013.

We will continue to work in close partnership with Shared Services as well as with the following key local education providers:

- Guy’s and St Thomas’ NHS Foundation Trust [www.guysandstthomas.nhs.uk](http://www.guysandstthomas.nhs.uk)
- King’s College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust [www.kch.nhs.uk](http://www.kch.nhs.uk)
- The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust [www.royalmarsden.nhs.uk](http://www.royalmarsden.nhs.uk)
- St George’s University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust [www.stgeorges.nhs.uk](http://www.stgeorges.nhs.uk)

In addition, our trainees also benefit from working at the following hospitals:

- South London Healthcare NHS Trust/ Lewisham Healthcare NHS Trust - [www.lewishamandgreenwich.nhs.uk](http://www.lewishamandgreenwich.nhs.uk)
- Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust [www.dvh.nhs.uk](http://www.dvh.nhs.uk)
- Western Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust - Worthing Hospital [www.westernsussexhospitals.nhs.uk](http://www.westernsussexhospitals.nhs.uk)
- Croydon Health Services NHS Trust – Croydon University Hospital [www.croydonhealthservices.nhs.uk](http://www.croydonhealthservices.nhs.uk)
- Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust – [www.epsom-selhoier.nhs.uk](http://www.epsom-selhoier.nhs.uk)
- Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust – [www.epsom-selhoier.nhs.uk](http://www.epsom-selhoier.nhs.uk)
- Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust – [www.fhft.nhs.uk](http://www.fhft.nhs.uk)
- Royal Surrey County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust – [www.roysurrey.nhs.uk](http://www.roysurrey.nhs.uk)
- King’s College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust – [www.kch.nhs.uk](http://www.kch.nhs.uk)
- The Princess Royal University Hospital [www.pruh.kch.nhs.uk](http://www.pruh.kch.nhs.uk)
- East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust – [www.ekhuft.nhs.uk](http://www.ekhuft.nhs.uk)
- Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust – [www.mtw.nhs.uk](http://www.mtw.nhs.uk)
- Medway NHS Foundation Trust – [www.medway.nhs.uk](http://www.medway.nhs.uk)
- Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust – [www.bsuh.nhs.uk](http://www.bsuh.nhs.uk)
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Bio: Dr Deepti Radia has been in her Haematology Consultant post at Guys and St Thomas’s Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust since 2002. She has been actively involved in postgraduate haematology education and training since 1997. Her roles have included London Haematology STC Chair, She has been an integral member of the executive management committee of the HEE London School of Pathology since 2008 in her role as Professional Development Lead. Nationally Haematology SAC Chair 2011 – 2015, BSH Trustee role in Haematology since 2014, Deputy Lead Examiner for FRCPath and is currently TPD for HESL/KSS Haematology.

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Bio: Dr Ethell is a Consultant Haematologist specialising in Acute Leukaemia and Stem Cell Transplantation at The Royal Marsden, looking after both paediatric and adult patients. He trained in Haematology both in Cambridge and North London and developed a major interest in Stem Cell Transplantation. He has responsibilities for the clinical and apheresis service at the Royal Marsden, as well as being the Training Programme Director for SW London for the last 10 years. He is both educational and clinical supervisor to SpR and CT1/2 trainees. Education roles include Chair of Pan London Haematology TPD group and recruitment Lead for London. He is involved in Quality Meetings on behalf of the HEE London School of Pathology.

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Dr Guy Hannah, Trainee Representative King’s College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

Testimonial:  I’m an ST5 trainee at King’s, having spent my ST3 year at Maidstone and the last year here at King’s. I love haematology, especially the challenges of lymphoid malignancies and morphology. Haematology is exciting as it involves the unique overlap of pathology and clinical medicine, managing patients with interesting problems, complex diagnostics and state of the art treatments.

As your trainee representative, I want to build upon and improve the current training experience. I will endeavour to listen to all trainees’ suggestions or concerns and use this feedback to work with our consultants and training programme directors to bring about positive changes.

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Dr Patrick Harrington, Trainee Representative Guy’s and St Thomas’ NHS Foundation Trust

Testimonial: I am an ST5 trainee in the South East London deanery currently working at Guy’s and St Thomas’ NHS Trust. I developed an interest in haematology whilst on a rotation in a district general hospital as an FY2. I was initially attracted by the breadth of the specialty with a typical day encompassing monitoring in-patients undergoing chemotherapy, providing advice to other clinical teams on coagulation issues and working with biomedical scientists in the laboratory.

The programme provides an excellent environment for trainees to develop experience and expertise in haematology. There is an emphasis on providing training opportunities with regular formal training sessions and day-to-day learning whilst rotating through subspecialist areas of haematology.

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Testimonial: I am an ST6 trainee in the South West London Deanery currently working at the Royal Marsden Hospital. I became interested in Haematology whilst working abroad in New Zealand and subsequently returned to the UK in 2013 to start Haematology speciality training. I really enjoy Haematology because it allows a unique mix of clinical and laboratory skills. My main interest lies in malignant Haematology, in particular Lymphoma and lymphoproliferative disorders.

I wanted to become a trainee representative in order to ensure an ongoing high standard of training. In particular I will be looking to try and improve training in morphology as this is an area of great importance but which often has little formal training attached to it. I hope to address this by ensuring adequate on the job training but also teaching sessions. I am keen to listen to any opinions on the current training and ideas for improvement.

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King’s Health Partners

Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust is also part of the King's Health Partners; one of the first Academic Health Sciences Centres (AHSCs) in the UK, with our partner organisations: King's College London, King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust. This allows for ample research opportunities and encourages a working environment where research is rewarded and respected. For more information, please visit www.kingshealthpartners.org

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About the Haematology Speciality Training at South London & KSS

Why choose haematology as a specialty?

Haematology is an exciting discipline that affords the opportunity to work in a clinical setting as well as in a laboratory providing the ideal opportunity to become involved in numerous aspects of the patient care and assessment. Haematologists need to maintain skills and competencies in clinical and laboratory work while leading services, clinics, providing on-call and emergency support for haematology patients and other disciplines trust wide.

Training time in haematology spans a period of approximately 5 years. It is aimed at doctors who have completed their core medical training and who are able to demonstrate the necessary competencies required to train at this higher specialist level, including having fully completed the MRCP diploma.

Why choose HEE London and KSS?

This programme provides and supports training for a certificate of completion in Haematology.

Trainees rotate through a series of placements within hospitals and departments renowned for their clinical excellence and impeccable standards of teaching. Our training programme places emphasis on clinical based learning combined with laboratory work and educational supervision. Trainees will be at the forefront of significant developments and work within environments that are consistently at the cutting and innovative edge of research and service.

In HESL & KSS we have recognised centres of excellence in haematology and provide comprehensive care in sub-specialties, such as sickle cell disorders and haemoglobinopathies, bone marrow transplantation, myeloproliferative neoplasms, bone marrow failure syndromes, regional haemophilia services, paediatrics, haematological management of acute trauma and pregnancy. Trainees from all areas of the UK already have secondments to be placed here to complete their training, if required. This, together with the pan London specialty training committee affords collaborative working across London to improve training and set high standards, while representing London on the national training forum. Internationally, we are sought after by trainees and clinical fellows to gain further training experience in the UK.

We encourage and ensure that academic success is rewarded and enable support of this activity. Regional teaching is shared across all local education providers to engage a large faculty with great expertise in all areas to fulfil the need to share resources of time, effort and money.

We monitor and reflect our practice in examination pass rates and have good records of trainees passing compared with national average. We also have a good track record of supporting trainees who may sometimes experience difficulty for a wide range of reasons.

We endeavour to ensure that the training programme is enjoyable and fulfilling, while providing a firm foundation for future successful careers in the fields of haematology. Our trainees enjoy notable success throughout the programme, in their Fellowship examinations and in their future careers as consultants.
Research Opportunities

Haematology resides at the forefront of remarkable developments in the world of medicine and science. So there is certainly scope to become involved in research projects during the training programme that may directly translate into improved patient outcomes.

Within this varied discipline, there is also ample opportunity for both clinical and laboratory research, so facilitating opportunities to gain a greater understanding of the work on an intricate level. There are numerous opportunities to become involved with research projects or to participate in research through formally recognised pathways such as OOPR (Out of programme research) where individuals are given designated time out to conduct research, for example towards a higher educational degree such as a PhD. This is actively supported and we have up to 10-12 trainees conducting research for MD or PhD programmes at any given time.

Each trainee on the haematology programme works with an educational supervisor with whom they develop a personal learning plan. Various exciting research opportunities are available including writing up case reports, abstracts and reviews. We encourage trainees to present at meetings and conferences at local and international level to enable them to develop confidence in disseminating and discussing findings with other professionals in the field.

Opportunities within our rotation for research in MPN, haemoglobinopathies, lymphoproliferative disorders, haemastasis and thrombosis, bone marrow transplantation, bone marrow failure syndromes, myeloid leukaemias, myeloma and plasma cells dyscrasia are available with supervisors of international repute. We have supported trainees in completing their MD / PhD OOPRs either within the rotation or placements elsewhere in their areas of interest.

Academic Clinical Fellows

We currently have 7 haematology ACF posts within the HESL KSS rotation: 2 based at GSTT and 5 at RMH. To date 3 ACFs have successfully completed their PhD. In addition 1 ACL post has been successful in gaining dual CCT in Haematology and ITU.
London hospital sites by local area

Kent, Surrey & Sussex hospital sites
How to apply for the programme?

For further information regarding your application to the Haematology specialist training programme, please click on the following link: http://www.lpmde.ac.uk/laserecruitment/

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