

Master of  
Surgery  
(MCh)

Master of  
Medicine  
(MMed)

# INTERNATIONAL TRAINING FELLOWSHIPS 2023

Organised in Partnership by Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching  
Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Edge Hill University

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- ▶ MCh surgical pathways (\*as specified on pathway list) are accredited by the Royal College of Surgeons of England



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## The MCh and MMed Programme

The MCh/MMed International Training Fellowship (ITF) Scheme has been designed collaboratively by senior clinicians at Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (WWL) and academics at Edge Hill University (EHU) Medical School. The scheme offers an opportunity for international clinicians, who have already achieved higher postgraduate qualifications, to come to the UK and study for a degree, either Master of Surgery (MCh) or Master of Medicine (MMed), whilst gaining further clinical experience in the NHS. **The aim of the programme is to provide the necessary academic and clinical training to the MCh/MMed doctor in order to increase their capacity in managing competently and safely common conditions in the expected area of clinical practice of the candidates, as well as to gain meaningful insight into the management of complex and rare conditions.** The programme is delivered over two consecutive years commencing in July with the Induction Programme. The academic year normally runs from September through to July. The programme is typically completed in September of the second year following submission of the students' dissertation. There is an option to defer the dissertation to the third year, which can be completed following the students' return to their home country.



The programme offers a unique blend of part-time academic learning and clinical experience in the NHS in the students' chosen specialty. A variety of teaching and learning strategies are implemented, including lectures, seminars, workshops, simulation, group tutorials and independent guided study. Face-to-face sessions are scheduled to be delivered at Edge Hill University Ormskirk Campus and at Wrightington Hospital. You should be aware that this teaching is delivered on Saturdays, typically twice a month.

## The programme consists of four modules:

1. Clinical Research Part 1: Critical Appraisal of Published Research. This is delivered by the Edge Hill University team.
2. Clinical Research Part 2: Developing a Research Proposal. This is delivered by the Edge Hill University team.
3. Work-Based Learning in Clinical Practice. This is delivered by the clinical team at WWL in collaboration with the subject pathway leads.
4. Dissertation for Health & Social Care Professionals. This is normally undertaken in the second year of the programme. The student is allotted a clinical and an academic supervisor to provide support and feedback for this dissertation.

## Module Information



**1. Clinical Research Modules:** There are two research modules which run sequentially in

Year 1: 'Critical Appraisal' and 'Developing a Research Proposal'. They are delivered by Edge Hill University on Saturdays, typically once per month:

a) Critical Appraisal of Published Research introduces you to the research process through the recognition of the fundamental

stages of research design. Based on the principles of 'Good Clinical Practice' and wider health and well being research, you will focus on appraisal of the research question, design, methods, ethical issues, data management and analysis strategies. You will be introduced to the principles of critical appraisal and modes of critical analysis so that knowledge about research design can be applied to develop appropriate critical appraisal skills. The module is assessed by an oral presentation and a written critical appraisal of a chosen research article in your clinical specialty.



b) Developing a Research Proposal focuses on a different key aspect of the research process, which is the design and development of a study proposal. Working through the fundamentals of both quantitative and qualitative analyses, and utilising a range of research methodologies, the module will guide you through the critical stages of developing your own research proposal, from conceptualisation of the research question, choosing the most appropriate design, planning methods, addressing ethical issues, identifying data management and data analysis strategies, and planning dissemination. The module will introduce you to various clinical and practitioner research approaches and the necessary considerations to enable a rigorous plan of enquiry. The module is assessed by the development of a research proposal which relates to your chosen clinical specialism and prepares you for your dissertation in year 2 of the programme.

2. Work-Based Learning in Clinical Practice: The work-based learning module runs across the full two years of the programme, recognising that clinical learning occurs on a continuum. The module provides a core structure for each of the specialist clinical pathways, helping to focus work-based activities in alignment with each individual's clinical job plan. Workplace teaching will be delivered on site in your Trust workplace with core clinical teaching being delivered on Saturdays, typically once per month at WWL. The module is assessed by submission of a written audit, an OSCE and two clinical cases, one presented as a case report and the other presented as a poster.



You will also maintain an electronic clinical portfolio, providing structure and a medium for formal/informal continuous systematic feedback and critical self-reflection, which are integral to optimising learning in the workplace and for professional development. From the outset, the clinical portfolio provides a detailed and clear expectation of the evidence to be collated to ensure the assessment criteria on final submission are transparent. Within the clinical portfolio, you will also maintain an experiential log (EL) of your surgical or medical experience throughout the duration of your time working in the NHS. This will evidence a range of surgical operations or medical procedures and the level of supervision required to undertake them, whilst maintaining patient anonymity. Additionally, all work-based



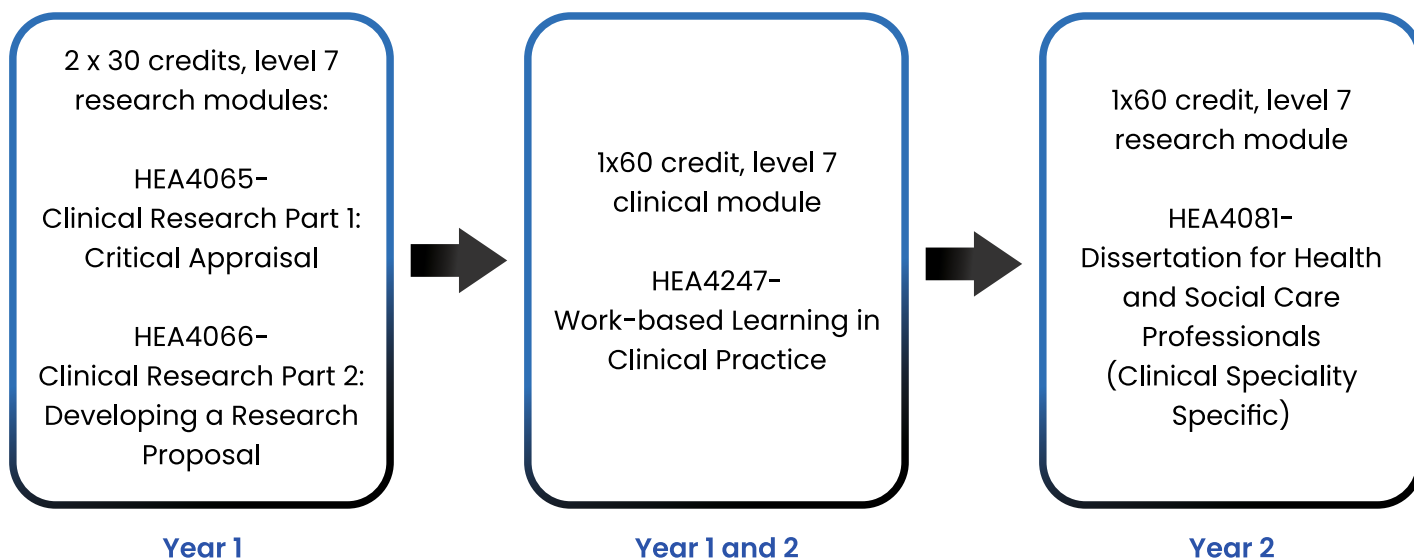
activities such as Continuing Professional Development (CPD) attendance (e.g., Grand Round, Audits, MDTs, Conferences, Study Days, work-based assessment etc.) must be documented. These records will be reviewed by either the Clinical Pathway Lead or the Clinical Supervisor and will help form the basis of an interim review with a Clinical Programme Lead at the end of the first year of study and can be used as evidence towards your Trust annual appraisal.



At the end of the programme, you will submit your final clinical portfolio for assessment (PASS/FAIL). The clinical responsibility for the portfolio assessment will be the Clinical Pathway Lead(s), with oversight from the Clinical Programme Leads. The clinical portfolio will be assessed against transparent specific minimum criteria.

**3. Dissertation:** You will be required to complete a dissertation. This enables you to focus upon a significant piece of investigative enquiry from conceptualisation through to completion. Within this module, 'research' is interpreted as including empirical research involving qualitative and/or quantitative methods, service evaluation, clinical audit, systematic/rapid reviews or a negotiated investigative enquiry unique to your own field of specialism, for example historical/archival research. You will be supervised jointly by a clinician and an academic to complete this work.

## Progress through the programme is as follows:



# Minimum criteria needed to join the Programme and be eligible for GMC registration via the sponsorship route

- You must have a primary medical degree recognised by the General Medical Council of the UK, i.e., MB ChB or MBBS.



- You must have obtained a postgraduate qualification in your chosen specialty equivalent to the level of the MRCS or MRCP (UK), e.g., MS/MD, DNB in Surgery or Diplomate of National Board of India (DNB) in Surgery or Medicine, FCPS (Pakistan), MSc or MD (Cairo University), FWACS (Africa).

- You must demonstrate that you have been engaged in clinical practice/training for at least three out of the last five years.

- Please note the '12-month rule'. International Medical Graduates (IMGs) applying for full GMC registration via the sponsorship route must remain in clinical practice for the 12 months immediately preceding the date the application for GMC registration is made. A period of absence of up to 5 weeks is allowed for the purpose of annual leave. Please ensure that you do not come out of clinical practice during this 12 month period. GMC registration will not be awarded if you do not meet these criteria. Please note also that Clinical Observerships are not considered to be medical practice.

- As per GMC standards (which may be subject to change), you must have achieved a minimum score of 7.0 in all 4 categories of the ACADEMIC (UKVI) International English Language Testing System (IELTS) with an overall score of 7.5. You must take this test at one of the approved SELT Consortium test centres.

<https://www.ielts.org/> OR

the Occupational English Test (OET) <https://www.occupationalenglishtest.org/test-information> is also accepted. You must achieve a minimum score of B in all four of the categories.





● Please note that there is a significant failure rate for IELTS/OET. We can offer online training via the programme English teacher prior to your exam. Should you wish to enquire please contact [MChMMedadmin@wwl.nhs.uk](mailto:MChMMedadmin@wwl.nhs.uk)



● Conditional offers to join the programme will only be made to candidates who have reached the required level in the IELTS/OET examination (see above). Please be aware that by not having this completed in a timely manner you may jeopardise an offer to join the programme. We advise that you complete this by the time of interview to avoid loss of deposit.

● As per GMC Standards you must submit your Primary Medical Qualification for verification via the ECFMG portal. We advise that you start this process immediately. <https://www.ecfm.org/2021ib/application-ecfm-certification.html>

● You need a certificate of good standing from the medical council you are registered with (<https://www.gmc-uk.org/registration-and-licensing/join-the-register/registration-applications/application-guides/provisional-registration-for-european-graduates/your-certificate-of-good-standing>). This is valid only for three months. Please make the application to your medical council in March / April 2023, so that it is valid when you apply for GMC registration (if successful in the interviews) in May 2023.

● You must not have attempted and failed the PLAB exam (either Part 1 or 2).



● You must be eligible for a Tier 2 (General) or Tier 2 Health and Care visa and meet NHS employment standards as required by law to work in UK

<https://www.gov.uk/tier-2-health-care-visa/eligibility>

● If offered a placement we will sponsor the candidate to obtain GMC registration and facilitate the application for an appropriate visa to work in the United Kingdom.

## Our Expectations

You must:



- have appropriate academic and clinical skills;
- have appropriate language skills;
- be committed to NHS standards and behaviours;
- show acceptance of a job plan that combines research and clinical commitment;

- show willingness to work and study over weekend periods. Students must be aware that academic and clinical modules are taught on Saturdays – usually two Saturdays per month and travel will be required for these sessions. Some clinical teaching may also be delivered during weekdays either as part of the working week or outside normal working hours;

- be committed to complete an agreed period of 2 consecutive years of study and clinical training.

## Clinical Posts

The clinical training posts are allocated by Wrightington Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (WWL). It is not possible to join the programme without an approved clinical post in the United Kingdom as this is required to allow you to meet the programme learning outcomes. We work in partnership with several other hospital Trusts in the UK and may be able to offer a wide range of posts based on the needs of the individual. You must be prepared to travel to the UK, typically in early mid-July 2023 to attend induction sessions and to complete a period of work shadowing at your host Trust.

You will be paid a full-time basic salary (based on a 40-hour working week). Your salary on commencement as an International Training Fellow (Year 1) is (MT03) £40,257 per annum, which is point 3 (in recognition of past experience). Your incremental date (Year 2) will be the anniversary of your commencement. On your incremental date, your basic salary will increase to (MT04) £51,017 per annum, this is irrespective of any change in duties which may occur prior to this date. If your job has on call duties, you will receive additional remuneration in line with current terms and conditions of service.



Nodal point 1 (£29,384) local appointment grade Mt01

Nodal point 2 (£34,012) local appointment grade MT02

Nodal point 3 (£40,257) local appointment grade MT03 \*basic salary at year 1

Nodal point 4 (£51,017) local appointment grade MT04 \*basic salary at year 2

Nodal point 5 (£58,398) local appointment grade MT05

You will be entitled to the same privileges provided to other doctors in your grade working in UK.

All posts will start at International Training Fellow Year 1 (which is at a junior level) to allow you to understand the NHS standards and acquire the skills to supervise other junior doctors, and progress on to International Training Fellow Year 2 subject to satisfactory performance and demonstration of competencies in year 1.

Your Year 2 post will be determined following Annual Performance Review. The levels of clinical training and responsibilities usually increase each year. Although the terms Senior House Officer (SHO) and Registrar are no longer used in the UK, they are widely referred to internationally. International Training Fellow Year 1 will typically be at a Senior SHO / Junior Registrar level. If doctors arrive late to join their clinical post, contracts will always end in August to keep in line with UK doctor's changeover.



The aim of the clinical posts is to give you a broad experience in the management of the common conditions of your chosen specialty and also to expose you to the management of more complex conditions. You may also be required to work in the generality of your specialty

**During this period, for example:**

- i. An MMed student specialising in Respiratory Medicine may be required to do work in Acute Medicine;
- ii. An MMed student in musculoskeletal radiology will also have sessions in general radiology.

Some of the clinical posts are easier to obtain (such as Accident and Emergency, Medicine) whilst others are very few in number across the country and are not easy to obtain (such as Interventional Radiology) and as such we cannot guarantee their availability each year.



We will be willing to consider candidates with an interest in clinical posts in the clinical pathways for 2023 that are listed in tables 1 and 2 (pages 9-12).

## Clinical Posts

### **Respiratory Medicine (or other medical specialities such as Rheumatology, Cardiology)**

A doctor completes MD or equivalent in Internal Medicine and wishes to specialise in Respiratory Medicine. A typical job timetable in year 1 will include 4-6 clinical sessions per week in Respiratory Medicine. The remaining sessions may be in acute medicine. In addition, there may be on calls in acute medicine overnight and during the weekends. The doctor may rotate between all the participating trusts as required. In year 2, the timetable will include 7-8 sessions per week in Respiratory Medicine with the remaining sessions in acute medicine.

After successful completion of a programme with training and assessment focused on Respiratory Medicine, the doctor will be awarded the degree of Master of Medicine – Respiratory Medicine (MMed in Respiratory Medicine).





## **Regional Anaesthesia**

A doctor completes MD or equivalent in Anaesthesia and wishes to specialise in Regional Anaesthesia. A typical job timetable will include 4-6 sessions per week focusing on Regional Anaesthesia. The remaining sessions may be in general anaesthesia. In addition, there may be on calls covering general emergencies overnight and during the weekends. The doctor may rotate between all the participating trusts as required. In year 2 the timetable will include 7-8 sessions per week in Regional Anaesthesia with the remaining sessions in general anaesthesia.

After successful completion of the programme with training and assessment focused on Regional Anaesthesia, the doctor will be awarded the degree of Master of Medicine - Regional Anaesthesia (MMed in Regional Anaesthesia).

## **Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgery**

A doctor completes MS or equivalent in T&O and wishes to gain additional experience in this field. In year one, the doctor will work at a junior level with a team of consultants and supporting junior staff. There will a strong focus on inpatient care in the first year, with scheduled theatre and clinic placements. In the second year of the programme,



the doctor will be able to work under direct supervision of a consultant/s and participate in regular theatre and clinic sessions. They will rotate through different aspects of the T&O speciality, for example – trauma, hip/knee, foot and ankle and upper limb. clinical posts in the clinical pathways for 2023 that are listed in tables 1 and 2 (pages 9-12).

There are options for those doctors who register for trauma and orthopaedics:

1) To undertake the T&O pathway that gives the broad experience described above.

2) For those doctors who may wish to pursue a focused area of T&O for example, hip and knee, it is likely that they will initially undertake year one on the T&O pathway and dependent on the NHS jobs available in their second year, can apply to change to a more focused pathway such as hip and knee. This is expected to be via a competitive process and will be influenced by your Annual Programme Review towards the end of year 1.



3) For some named pathways, there may be the opportunity to register on a named pathway at the outset, for example – MCh Spine, but this will be dependent on availability of an appropriate NHS job in your year of application. This cannot be guaranteed.

In all cases, doctors can expect to undertake on calls covering T&O overnight and during the weekends.

Note, for any named award to be given, an approved clinical post in the United Kingdom is required and both training and assessment must be focused on that named pathway to allow you to meet the programme learning outcomes.



# MCh Programmes

- Pathways currently accredited by the Royal College of Surgeons (England).

**Table 1**

<b>MCh Orthopaedic Pathways</b>	<b>Pathway Leads</b>
MCh Trauma & Orthopaedics *	Mr P Monga, WWL Prof Videsh Raut, WWL Prof Raj Murali, WWL
MCh Orthopaedics (Hip & Knee) *	Prof Videsh Raut, WWL
MCh Orthopaedics (Foot & Ankle) *	Prof Raj Murali, WWL
MCh Orthopaedics (Hand & Wrist Surgery) *	Prof Raj Murali, WWL
MCh Orthopaedics (Spine) *	Mr Shashank Chitgopkar, RJA, Oswestry
MCh Orthopaedics (Upper Limb Surgery) *	Mr Puneet Monga, WWL
MCh Paediatric Orthopaedics *	Mr Farhan Ali, Manchester University NHS FT
MCh Limb Reconstruction	Mr Badri Narayan, Liverpool University Hospitals
<b>MCh ENT Pathways</b>	<b>Pathway Leads</b>
MCh Otorhinolaryngology *	Prof Nirmal Kumar, WWL Prof Tim Woolford, Manchester University NHS FT
<b>MCh Surgical Pathways</b>	<b>Pathway Leads</b>
MCh Surgery *	Mr Chelliah Selvasakar, Christie Hospital
MCh Colorectal Surgery *	Mr Chelliah Selvasakar, Christie Hospital Mr Marius Paraoan, WWL
MCh Cardiothoracic Surgery *	Mr Antony Walker, Blackpool Teaching Hospitals
MCh Minimal Access Surgery *	Mr Chelliah Selvasakar, Christie Hospital
MCh Neurosurgery *	Mr Aprajay Golash, Royal Preston Hospital
MCh Surgical Gastroenterology *	Mr Chelliah Selvasakar, Christie Hospital
MCh Surgical Oncology *	Mr Chelliah Selvasakar, Christie Hospital
MCh Urology *	Mr Jeremy Oates, Christie Hospital
MCh Plastic Surgery	Mr Kantappa Gajanan, Christie Hospital
MCh Renal & Pancreatic Transplant Surgery (to be validated)	Mr Zia Moinuddin, Manchester University NHS FT

<b>MCh Oncoplastic &amp; Reconstructive Breast Surgery Pathway</b>	<b>Pathway Leads</b>
MCh Oncoplastic & Reconstructive Breast Surgery *	Mr Amar Deshpande, WWL Mr Sumohan Chatterjee, Manchester University NHS FT Mr Rishikesh Parmeshwar, University Morecambe Bay
<b>MCh Gynaecology Pathways</b>	<b>Pathway Leads</b>
MCh Gynaecology	Ms Jagadeeswari Karuppaswamy, WWL Mr Andrew Drakeley, Liverpool Women's Hospital Ms Eva Myriokefalitaki, Christie Hospital
MCh Obstetrics & Gynaecology	Ms Jagadeeswari Karuppaswamy, WWL Mr Andrew Drakeley, Liverpool Women's Hospital
MCh Obstetrics	Ms Rachel Owen, Stockport NHS
MCh Reproductive Medicine	Mr Andrew Drakeley, Liverpool Women's Hospital
MCh Urogynaecology	Ms Jagadeeswari Karuppaswamy, WWL
MCh Gynaecology Oncology	Ms Eva Myriokefalitaki, Christie Hospital
MCh Fetal Medicine (to be validated)	Mr Andrew Drakeley, Liverpool Women's Hospital
<b>MCh Ophthalmology Pathways</b>	<b>Pathway Leads</b>
MCh Ophthalmology	Mr Manoj Mathai Anicatt, WWL Ms Chintan Sanghvi, East Lancs NHS Trust Ms Shveta Bansal, Lancashire Teaching
MCh Ophthalmology (Cataract & Glaucoma)	Mr Manoj Mathai Anicatt, WWL Ms Chintan Sanghvi, East Lancs NHS Trust Ms Shveta Bansal, Lancashire Teaching
MCh Ophthalmology (Medical Retina)	Mr Manoj Mathai Anicatt, WWL Ms Chintan Sanghvi, East Lancs NHS Trust Ms Shveta Bansal, Lancashire Teaching
MCh Ophthalmology (Paediatrics)	Mr Manoj Mathai Anicatt, WWL Ms Chintan Sanghvi, East Lancs NHS Trust Ms Shveta Bansal, Lancashire Teaching
MCh Oculoplastic Surgery	Mr Manoj Mathai Anicatt, WWL Ms Chintan Sanghvi, East Lancs NHS Trust Ms Shveta Bansal, Lancashire Teaching
<b>MCh Emergency &amp; Trauma Pathway</b>	<b>Pathway Lead</b>
MCh Emergency & Trauma	Dr Mahu Reddy, Stockport NHS Foundation Trust Dr Ayaz Abassi, WWL NHS Trust



# MMed Programmes

Table 2

<b>MMed Cardiology Pathways</b>	<b>Pathway Leads</b>
MMed Cardiology (and subspecialty training in pacing, electrophysiology)	Prof. Sanjay Arya, WWL Dr Sanjay Sastry, Manchester University NHS FT
MMed Interventional Cardiology	Prof. Sanjay Arya, WWL Dr Sanjay Sastry, Manchester University NHS FT
<b>MMed Medicine Pathways</b>	<b>Pathway Leads</b>
MMed Medicine	Dr Abdul Ashish, WWL
MMed Acute Medicine	Dr Alex Crowe, Warrington Hospitals
MMed Elderly Medicine	Dr Micky Malhotra, WWL
MMed Stroke & Rehabilitation	Dr Fatima Hussain, Liverpool University Hospitals
MMed Respiratory Medicine Adult or Paediatric	Dr Abdul Ashish, WWL Dr Suman Das, Stockport NHS Trust
MMed Endocrinology Adult or Paediatric	Dr Srikanth Mada, County Durham & Darlington NHS Dr Satish Hulikere, Warrington Hospitals
MMed Gastroenterology Adult or Paediatric	Dr Ravi Sharma, Pennine Acute NHS Trust Dr Elizabeth Newby, Stockport
MMed Nephrology Adult or Paediatric	Dr Raman Maharajan, Salford Royal NHS FT
MMed Neurology Adult or Paediatric	Dr Fatima Hussain, Liverpool University Hospitals
MMed Rheumatology	Dr Easwaradhas Gladston Chelliah, WWL
MMed Dermatology (to be validated)	
MMed Stereotatic Radiotherapy (to be validated)	Dr Veni Ezhil, St Lukes Cancer Centre, Surrey
MMed Clinical Microbiology & Virology (to be validated)	Dr Mike Przybylo, Northern Care Alliance
MMed Histopathology (to be validated)	
MMed Haematology (to be validated)	Dr Sayee Chirputkar, Stockport NHS FT
<b>MMed Paediatrics</b>	<b>Pathway Leads</b>
MMed Paediatrics	Dr Sangeetha Arjunan, North Cumbria
MMed Neonatology	Dr Savi Sivashankar

<b>MMed Psychiatry Pathways</b>	<b>Pathway Leads</b>
MMed Psychiatry	Dr Tessa Myatt, Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust
MMed Psychiatry (Adult & Later Life Psychiatry)	Dr Tessa Myatt, Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust
MMed Child & Adolescent Psychiatry (CAMHS)	Dr Tessa Myatt, Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust
MMed Forensic Psychiatry	Dr Tessa Myatt, Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust
<b>MMed Radiology Pathways</b>	<b>Pathway Leads</b>
MMed Musculoskeletal Radiology	Dr David Temperley, WWL
MMed Breast Radiology	Dr Amruta Talwalkar, WWL
MMed Cross-sectional Imaging	Dr Ahmed Ismail, WWL
<b>MMed Anaesthesia / Intensive Care</b>	<b>Pathway Leads</b>
MMed Anaesthesia	Dr Madapura Shashidhara, Stockport NHS FT
MMed Intensive Care	Dr Sam Latif, Stockport NHS FT
MMed Regional Anaesthesia	Dr Neeraj Sharma, WWL Dr Madapura Shashidhara, Stockport NHS FT
MMed Pain Management	Dr Ram Krishnamoorthy, WWL Dr Neeraj Sharma, WWL Dr Madapura Shashidhara, Stockport NHS FT
MMed Obstetric Anaesthesia	Dr Seema Varshaney, North Manchester General Hospital Dr Madapura Shashidhara, Stockport NHS FT

Posts will be allocated by the Head of Clinical Training and Clinical Pathway Leads whose decision is final.

**Please note that married couples applying for one of our Fellowships cannot be guaranteed clinical posts in the same Hospital/Trust/area.**

**Requests for particular posts (e.g. if you wish to be located near to a family member) may be considered but cannot be guaranteed.**

**Please also note that posts may be located across the north of England and other regions and doctors must be prepared to travel to Edge Hill University and Wroughton, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.**



## Mentorship, Pastoral Arrangements and Student Support

The WWL/Edge Hill programmes have developed extensive mentoring and pastoral support and have a very low drop-out rate.

Doctors will be provided with a period of work shadowing and a local induction at their Trust prior to commencement of the post. All doctors will have a designated Clinical Supervisor and Academic Supervisor throughout their programme. During this time, they will be attached to relevant firms at their Host Trust to inform and introduce them to NHS standards and behaviours.

The MCh/MMed Programmes Team are available to offer support and advice. In addition to this, doctors will also have an extensive induction and support from the International Office of the University <https://www.edgehill.ac.uk/international/support/> and student support <https://www.edgehill.ac.uk/study/student-experience/support/>. Students will also have access to pastoral care from a community of doctors and others from the local area. We have links with local doctors and community leaders who are able to offer this support.



## Participating NHS Trusts

- Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Bolton NHS Foundation Trust, Christie Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust, Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, East Lancashire NHS Foundation Trust, Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust, Manx Care (Isle of Man), Merseycare NHS Trust, Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Midlands Partnership NHS Trust, North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust, Northern Care Alliance NHS Foundation Trust, Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital Oswestry, Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust, Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust, Sandwell & West Birmingham NHS Trust, Southport & Ormskirk Hospitals NHS Trust,

St Helens and Knowsley NHS Trust, Stockport NHS Foundation Trust, St Lukes Cancer Centre, Surrey, Tameside & Glossop IC NHS Trust, Torbay & South Devon NHS Foundation Trust, University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust, University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Trust, Warrington and Halton NHS Foundation Trust, Wirral University Hospitals NHS Foundation NHS Trust, York & Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

**The list of placements is indicative, may change and is by no means exhaustive. New Partner Trusts are constantly being added to our rotations.**

## Fees



The present course fee is £35,000. This is for the entire programme. Doctors will either pay in full or have to make a non-refundable deposit of £17,500 following conditional offer of a placement on the MCh or MMed Programme made by us.

The remaining fee of £17,500 will be paid by month 10 on the programme.

Progression from year 1 to year 2 on the programme is subject to satisfactory appraisal and compliance with the terms of the Fee Schedule. You may be required to rotate to another Trust in year 2 of the Programme. A 3rd year post is not guaranteed and therefore subject to availability and training requirements.

The fee schedule has been amended due to programme policy. In order to support applicants with this change we can provide a supporting letter for an educational loan (in your home country). We can also facilitate a payment plan to ensure fees are paid in full by month 10 of the programme.



## Application and Interview Process

Initial application is by CV to be sent to the Clinical Administration Team by e-mail [mchmmedadmin@wwl.nhs.uk](mailto:mchmmedadmin@wwl.nhs.uk). We plan to visit Dubai on 16th November 2022 (provisional), Bangalore on 18th November and Delhi on 20th November to conduct interviews in November 2022. If we are unable to travel to your home country interviews will be undertaken using videoconferencing.

Further information can be obtained by contacting the Clinical Administration Team at Wrightington Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust [mchmmedadmin@wwl.nhs.uk](mailto:mchmmedadmin@wwl.nhs.uk)



## What Happens After the Interview?

You will be notified of the outcome of the interview approximately three weeks after your interview.



You will have already completed verification of your qualification via EPIC. It is also advisable to complete the OET exam or Academic IELTS prior to interview as we are unable to make a conditional offer until this has been cleared and we are unable to hold posts for candidates' to obtain English results. If you wish to avail of 'online' coaching for the exam that we are able to offer, please contact [mchmmedadmin@wwl.nhs.uk](mailto:mchmmedadmin@wwl.nhs.uk) for the details.

Following receipt of a conditional offer you will be required to pay a non-refundable deposit of £17,500 for us to proceed with your application. This deposit will count towards your total tuition fee as mentioned in the fees section of this flyer.

You will be expected to arrive into the UK the weekend of 8th/9th July 2023. There will be an induction programme organised by Edge Hill University and WWL, followed by a period of shadowing in the hospital where you will work. Further details of this will be sent to you nearer the time.

## Links

<https://www.edgehill.ac.uk/courses/master-of-surgery/>

<https://www.edgehill.ac.uk/courses/master-of-medicine/>

<https://www.ecfmg.org/2021ib/application-ecfmg-certification.html>

<https://www.gmc-uk.org/>

<https://www.gov.uk/tier-2-health-care-visa/eligibility>

[www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org)

<https://www.occupationalenglishtest.org/test-information/test-dates-locations/>