

Essential Information

Title of Post:	Fellowship in Laparoscopic Urogynaecology
Grade:	Specialty Trainee year 6/7 equivalent
Duration:	1 year, extendable to 2
Specialty:	Gynaecology and Obstetrics
Trust:	Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust
Base Hospital:	John Radcliffe Hospital
District:	Oxford
Remuneration:	TBC
Clinical Director:	Dr Ingrid Granne and Miss Veronica Miller
College Tutor:	Miss Ruth Curry and Miss Lamiese Ismail
Rota co-ordinator:	Miss Ruth Houlden
Work Pattern:	EWTD compliant band 1B rota

Useful Names

Staffing Manager: Ms Simone Kelly

Post

The post will enable a senior trainee or post CCT clinician to gain specialist training in Urogynaecology, including completing the ATSM in laparoscopic urogynaecology, if RCOG Urogynaecology ATSM or subspeciality training has already been obtained.

The post also includes general duties in Obstetrics & Gynaecology

Essential requirements

Specialty Training Year 6/7 or equivalent experience
GMC registration
MRCOG Part 2

Desirable requirements

ATSM Urogynaecology or Subspeciality training in Urogynaecology

The Department

Obstetrics & Gynaecology

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology provides maternity and gynaecology service to the Oxford region and is responsible for over 7000 deliveries per year. It is also a tertiary referral centre for district general hospitals in Buckinghamshire, Berkshire and Northamptonshire. This is an approved training centre for subspecialties in Maternal and Fetal Medicine, Gynaecological Oncology, Urogynaecology and Reproductive Medicine. It has close links to the Nuffield Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University of Oxford.

The Delivery Suite is covered at all times by three tiers of specialist trainees: ST1-2 (or GP trainee or Foundation doctor), ST3-5 and ST6-7. During office hours the senior tier (ST6-7) is covered by a Consultant Obstetrician. Neonatologists, obstetric anaesthetists, junior and middle grade obstetricians are available at all times. All obstetric consultants maintain an active Delivery Suite role.

There is a large Tertiary Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. The Unit works closely with the High Risk Pregnancy Service.

Urogynaecology service

The department has a reputation for laparoscopic urogynaecological surgery, receiving national referrals for reconstructive surgery, uterine preservation and management of mesh complications.

Current staffing consists of 3 Subspecialist Consultant Urogynaecologists (Mr Simon Jackson, Ms Natalia Price, Ms Helen Jefferis); 1 Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist (Mr Jonathan Nicholls); 1 RCOG Subspecialty Trainee in Urogynaecology; 1 Specialty Trainee 6/7 with ATSM in Urogynaecology (vacant); and 3 Urogynaecology Specialist Nurses.

We have 8 dedicated weekly urogynaecology operating lists, 1 weekly outpatient operating list and 3 weekly specialist clinics.

The department specialises in reconstructive laparoscopic surgery, performing 10-15 laparoscopic urogynaecology cases per week.

The successful candidate would learn, by the end of the fellowship, independent competence for laparoscopic hysteropexy, laparoscopic sacrocolpopexy and management of laparoscopic mesh complications.

There are also opportunities for clinical research.

This post would suit a candidate who already possesses general gynaecological laparoscopic skills and wishes to develop these further in the subspecialty field of Urogynaecology. It would be ideal for a post-CCT subspecialty accredited Urogynaecologist who wishes to further develop laparoscopic urogynaecological skills prior to independent Consultant practice. The length of training required to develop the necessary advanced skills will depend upon pre-existing laparoscopic skills and aptitude, but a 1-2 year programme is envisaged. Time in post is flexible dependent upon competencies.

Induction

Departmental induction will be arranged at the start of this post.

Duties of the Post

The appointee will be based at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford but may also be required to work at the Horton Hospital, the Ramsey Treatment Centre and the Churchill Hospital,.

This post will enable the successful applicant to focus on urogynaecology for 2.5 days each week. The remaining time will involve general duties in Obstetrics & Gynaecology and a commitment to the on call rota.

The urogynaecology clinical sessions will include

- Theatre sessions
- Clinics
- MDT meeting

General session will include:

- Delivery Suite and elective caesarean section lists
- Urgent gynaecology, including early pregnancy clinic
- Inpatient gynaecology ward rounds
- Gynaecology theatres (including elective and urgent gynaecology lists)
- Obstetric ward rounds and Maternity Assessment Unit cover
- General antenatal clinics
- General gynaecology clinics
- Out of hours on-call duties

During the on-call, the post holder is resident in and responsible for the Delivery Suite at the ST6/7tier.

On-call duties are part of a 9-cell rolling rota. Every 9-week cycle includes: one weekend daytime on-call; one weekend night on-call; one set of 4 weeknights; and 4 twilight shifts.

Normal daytime duty hours are 0800-1700; twilight duty hours are 1300 – 2030; weekend daytime on call is 0800 – 2030; night on-call is 2000 – 0830.

An example of a working week timetable is as below (for illustration purposes Monday is a twilight day). Final timetable to be agreed with Clinical Director and may vary depending on clinical need:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM session 0800 - 1300	Admin/audit	Theatre with urogynaecology team	Caesarean Section List	WR/ on call	Theatre 1:2/delivery suite 1:2
PM session 1300 - 1700	Urogynaecology clinic	Theatre with urogynaecology team	Urogynae MDT/clinic	Antenatal clinic	Theatre 1:2/delivery suite 1:2
Twilight 1700 - 2030	Late				

The purpose of this post is to offer an opportunity for a senior trainee to develop expertise in the management of urogynaecological conditions by working in a multidisciplinary team

The appointee will be allocated protected theatre time with direct supervision and training from the consultant Urogynaecologists, with the aim of independent practice and RCOG lap ATSM accreditation by the end of training.

This post would ideally suit someone who wishes to become an NHS consultant Urogynaecologist, working within an RCOG mesh centre specialist unit.

Further Information

For further information please contact Mr Simon Jackson, Lead for Urogynaecology.
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