Speciality Training

Infectious Diseases with Microbiology or General (Internal) Medicine

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Introduction

ID/micro is currently a six year training programme with 12 months credit allowed if trainees obtain separate research funding during a period out of programme (OOPR). ID/GIM is a five year programme. In August 2015 a new combined infection training programme will be introduced subject to GMC approval. This will constitute 2 years of core infection training followed by either 2 years of Medical Microbiology (MM), Medical Virology (MV) or Infectious Diseases (ID) or 3 years to obtain a CCT in ID/MM or ID/MV or ID/GIM. In Oxford the programme offers training for a CCT in ID/Micro or ID/GIM. Entry is at ST3 level after achievement of Core Medical Training and MRCP (or equivalent).

Trainees currently enter on the 2010 Med Micro (RCPath) and Infectious Diseases (RCP) curricula and are required to fulfil the work competencies, work placed based assessments and knowledge based assessments for both. Trainees in 2015 will be required to be on the latest curriculum which will be the new combined infection training (CIT) and relevant Higher Specialist training (HST) programme as above. Those doing general internal medicine with ID will need to fulfil the requirement of the RCP GIM curriculum.

Trainees will undergo posts in microbiology/virology (in Oxford and/or Aylesbury), infection consults, infectious diseases ward, bone infection unit and GIM/ID (Oxford and/or Slough). The deanery collaborates with Wessex deanery and opportunities exist for delivery of ID in Southampton too. Options exist by negotiation to do ITU (mandatory for those doing ID/GIM), to spend periods in genito-urinary medicine, paediatric infectious diseases and in public health.

Particular areas of excellence

Trainees are encouraged to develop research interests. There are regular Academic Clinical Fellow and Academic Clinical lecturer posts available for suitable qualified trainees. Many trainees make applications for fellowships to extend their research experience. There is a wide range of opportunities with a large number of Research Groups in a number of different departments within the Oxford NIHR Biomedical Centre and the Medical Sciences Division of Oxford University. These include the following:

- Nuffield Department of Medicine
- Nuffield Department of Clinical Sciences including Microbiology
- Paediatrics
- Nuffield Department of Orthopaedics
- Primary Care
- Zoology
- BRC Infection Theme
- BRC Immunity Theme
- BRC Vaccinology Theme
Many of these groups closely collaborate with units in the tropics e.g. Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Kenya.

In addition the Oxford training Programme delivers training in direct patient care of patients with complex bone and joint infections on the Bone Infection Unit, Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre. This is a popular and unique module and many requests are received for clinical attachments and observerships from other centres across the UK, Europe and the rest of the world.

**Current post and locations**

**Microbiology**
- i. Microbiology, OUH
- ii. Microbiology, Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust

**Infectious Diseases**
- i. Infectious Diseases ward and consults, Churchill Hospital, OUH.
- ii. Bone Infection Unit, NOC, OUH
- iii. John Radcliffe Hospital and West Wing, OUH
- iv. Horton Hospital, OUH
- v. Heatherwood and Wexham park Hospitals (Slough)
- vi. University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust

**Infectious Diseases/General Internal Medicine**
- i. John Radcliffe Hospital, OUH
- ii. Horton Hospital, OUH
- iii. Heatherwood and Wexham park Hospitals (Slough)
- iv. University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust

**Teaching**

The programme includes the following teaching opportunities.

- **Weekly (Tuesday afternoon) half day teaching including**
  - formal education seminar (internal and external speakers)
  - Trainee led (with consultant facilitator) teaching in line with RCPath and RCP curricula.
  - weekly case-based (‘grey case’) meeting
- **Weekly Infection X-ray conference. This is a service-oriented session; trainees will attend and present relevant cases**
- **Weekly Medical Grand Round**
- **Appropriate external training courses.**