

Year 1 ACCS - Emergency Medicine

Programme Details:

TYPE: Core Training (CT1-CT2 ACCS followed by CT3 Emergency Medicine)

ENTRY LEVEL: CT1

Introduction/Overview of Programme:

The objective of the EM component is to provide experience of managing the complete spectrum of emergency presentations in a supervised environment.

The reconfiguration of the delivery of emergency care is underpinned by increased 'shop-floor' availability of Consultant and other senior staff in an extended working day. This provides an environment conducive to learning, consequently maximising opportunities for junior colleagues to further develop their clinical skills. In addition, Emergency Departments still provide unique exposure to a wide cross section of patients including paediatric emergencies during the programme.

Colleagues will be afforded the opportunity to function as effective decision makers within the context of the immediate availability of senior colleagues for advice and support.

General Description of Programme:

Trainees will be exposed to critical illness including major trauma and medical, surgical and orthopaedic emergencies in both adults and children. Emergency Departments stabilise and deliver initial care to these patients. This will allow the trainee to be integral to key decision making regarding these patients' management with the support of and working alongside senior colleagues. Emergency Medicine ACCS trainees are placed in Trusts who have Specialist Registrars in EM to encourage a degree of informal mentoring and team building. These placements are distributed around the North West.

Minor illness and injury experience will also be achieved with the advantage that this will be delivered working with a multidisciplinary team including Nurse Clinicians, Emergency Nurse Practitioners, Emergency Nurses and Allied Health Professionals including physiotherapists and Emergency Care Practitioners.

Educational Opportunities:

The Emergency Department affords unique opportunities for learning in a supervised environment. Shop-floor discussion of case management is integral to the ethos of the speciality and the spectrum of emergency presentations facilitates the delivery of supervised procedures. These will include safe sedation, emergency fracture reduction/joint relocation, pleural aspiration, chest drain insertion, NIV and emergency cardiological procedures including cardioversion. The trainee will also gain initial experience in the delivery of RSI and other critical care interventions. A Regional programme of Core Emergency Medicine training and simulation sessions is delivered largely at Preston and Blackpool. Trainees will be encouraged to attain appropriate ALS, APLS and ATLS qualifications. The supervised experience within the ED will help in the trainees preparations for post-graduate qualifications.

Emergency Medicine ACCS trainees progress into a third (CT3) year comprising experience in paediatrics and further EM.

Research/Audit/Teaching:

Audit underpins the Clinical Governance arrangements of all Emergency Departments. There is current participation throughout EM in national audits detailing the management of asthma, fractured neck of femurs, analgesia delivery, thrombolysis, the administration of antipyretics to hot children and the delivery of antibiotics in suspected cases of meningitis.