  

**Essex, Beds and Herts Foundation School Individual Placement Description**

All information to be completed by the Foundation School.

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| **Placement** | **F1 Acute Internal Medicine (AAU)** |
| **The department** | Watford Hospital Acute Admissions Unit has 5 full time consultants 2 registrars, 7 F1s and F2s. |
| **Location** | West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust  Watford General Hospital |
| **The type of work to expect and learning opportunities** | Ward based care during the day. The AAU is a fast paced department with rapid turnover of patients. Formal departmental teaching sessions once a week. Teaching with supervised procedures whenever the opportunity arises. Informal teaching on ward rounds when possible |
| **Supervisor(s)** | Dr Mohan Thapa (AAU Clinical Director)  Dr Pawan Pusalkar  Dr Arif Hamada  Dr Muhammed Arif  Dr Sayed Obaidee  Dr Paramalingam Saravanan  Dr Senan Devendra |
| **Main duties of the placement** | The Main duties of the post will involve seeing diagnosing and treating Acute Medicine patients referring to other clinicians or general practitioners where appropriate as well as attending to patients in AAU Level 1. |
| **Typical working pattern in this placement** | * Daily ward rounds (consultant/ registrar led) * Jobs on the ward after the ward rounds have finished * Lunchtime teaching 3 days a week (one day in the department, 2 days with the whole hospital) * Afternoon to finish jobs and prepare handovers, and for another consultant round if required for unwell patients   *On call requirements:*   * Clerking new patients into AAU * General medical on-call cover |
| **Employer information** | West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust provides acute healthcare services to a core catchment population of approximately half a million people living in west Hertfordshire and the surrounding area. The Trust also provides a range of more specialist services to a wider population, serving residents of North London, Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire and East Hertfordshire..  With around 4,300 staff and 350 volunteers at our three hospitals in Watford, St Albans and Hemel Hempstead, we are one of the largest employers locally.  The Trust manages three hospitals:   * [Hemel Hempstead Hospital](http://www.westhertshospitals.nhs.uk/about/our_hospitals.asp) * [St Albans City Hospital](http://www.westhertshospitals.nhs.uk/about/our_hospitals.asp) * [Watford General Hospital](http://www.westhertshospitals.nhs.uk/about/our_hospitals.asp)   **Hemel Hempstead Hospital**  The clinical services offered at Hemel Hempstead include:   * antenatal and community midwifery; * outpatients; * step down beds; * urgent care centre; * medical care, including endoscopy and cardiac lung function testing; * clinical support, including X-ray, CT, MRI, ultrasound and non-urgent pathology.   **St Albans City Hospital**  St Albans is our elective care centre. The clinical services offered include:   * antenatal and community midwifery; * outpatients; * Minor injuries unit; * elective and day surgery; * sexual health; * clinical support, including X-ray, ultrasound, mammography and blood and specimen collection.   **Watford Hospital**  Watford is at the heart of our acute emergency services.  The clinical services offered include:   * women’s and children’s services, including a consultant delivery unit, midwife birthing unit, antenatal and postnatal clinics; * emergency care, including accident and emergency, acute admissions unit ambulatory care unit, acute wards, intensive care unit, and emergency surgery; * planned care, including outpatients and complex surgery; * medical care, including endoscopy, cardiology and chemotherapy; * sexual health; * clinical support, including X-ray, CT, MRI, ultrasound and urgent and non-urgent pathology   Together with our staff, patients, volunteers and health and social care partners, we strive to provide consistently good, safe care in a friendly, listening and informative way, as and when people need and want it and always with dignity and respect. |
| **Travel between sites and/or community placements** | The Trust will reimburse travel expenses for trainees who may be required to travel between hospital sites and/or community placements.  Some visits may not be easily accessible by public transport and therefore having a car would be an advantage. |

It is important to note that this description is a typical example of your placement and may be subject to change.

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