**East Anglia Foundation School**

**Individual Placement Description**

**Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust**

All information to be completed by the Foundation School.

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| **Placement** | F1 in acute general surgery with placement in Vascular, Colorectal, Upper GI, Hepatobiliary, Breast or Urology (18 Posts) |
| **The department** | The department of surgery includes 6 Colorectal surgeons, 4 Upper GI surgeons, 4 HPB surgeons, 3 Breast surgeons, 5 Vascular surgeons and 15 Urologists. The general on call is provided by the colorectal and upper GI consultants with separate rotas for vascular and urological emergencies. We provide cover for the local population, existing inpatients and a wide tertiary population.  |
| **The type of work to expect and learning opportunities** | The work is split between acute surgical admissions and the relevant subspecialty group with some on call at weekends and nights. A huge variety of work passes through Addenbrooke’s and the learning opportunities are plentiful. Each department will have educational activities such as Radiology meetings, MDTs and there is a programme of F1 teaching as well. There is an active Postgraduate Medical Centre. There is a Clinical Skills lab and F1s are encouraged to go on the ALS course  |
| **Where the placement is based** | All work is within Addenbrooke’s Hospital. It is ward based most of the time but the acute work is based in the Emergency Department. |
| **Clinical Supervisor(s) for the placement** | The supervisors are Nigel Hall (Colorectal/Breast), Nikesh Thiruchelvam (Urology), Kevin Varty (Vascular), Andrew Hindmarsh and Peter Safranek (Upper GI) and Raaj Praseedom (HPB).  |
| **Main duties of the placement** | * Initial assessment and admission of emergency patients;
* Initial assessment of ward patients who become unwell
* Preparing patients for surgery
* Preparation of theatre lists
* Maintaining hospital notes and drug charts
* Prescribing drugs and IV fluids
* Preparing discharge summaries
* Requesting investigations, documenting results and acting upon them
* Requesting of consults from other teams and services
* Assisting with ward rounds
* Team working
* Limited exposure to surgery in the operating theatre
* Communication with patients and their relatives
* Fulfill requirements of the placement eg CBD, mini-CEX etc
* Participation in audit and morbidity/mortality presentations
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| **Typical working pattern in this placement** | 0730 Daily handover/update of patients followed by ward round. Wed: 1300 Medical Grand Round Fri: 1200 F1 Teaching *On call requirements:* All the work is rostered as shifts of up to 12.5 hours. In a 4 month placement there is one split week of nights on call for ED and wards; one split week of ED days; two weekends for daytime ward cover; and about 9 weeks of weekday ward work on the subspecialty unit. |

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