

School of Radiology

East of England

Course Details

Radiology is a five year run-through course, with placements across three separate schemes across the region: Cambridge, Norwich and EBH (Essex, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire)

Rotations



The EBH scheme is based out of a single Trust for the full five years, Norwich trainees are at NNUH for 4 out of the 5 years, with two six month placements elsewhere (one in ST2 and one in ST4) and Cambridge is based out of Addenbrookes with two 3 month attachments elsewhere

Regional Teaching program

Each scheme has their own local teaching programme, typically consisting of one half-day a week. In addition, there are regional teaching days specialising in individual topics such as paediatric imaging and exam preparation which are open to all radiology trainees

Research

There are ample research opportunities available, including PhD Opportunities under Professor Fiona Gilbert at Cambridge University. Clinical based projects are held at all sites, and the EBH scheme is eager to build research partnerships with the recently opening Essex Medical School

Exams

The FRCR exam comes in three parts: Part 1 is taken in March of ST 1, whilst the final exam is split into part A at the end of ST3 and part B at the start of ST4



Simulation

There are ultrasound simulators available in Essex and Norwich. Vascular interventional simulator at the Norwich radiology academy with hands-on sessions open to all EoE trainees

Meet The Team



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There are a wide range of fellowships available, including MRI fellowships at Cambridge, Cardiac imaging fellowships at the Royal Papworth Hospital, and Musculoskeletal imaging fellowships available in Norwich

Why The East of England?

High level of consultant supervision and contact time.

Three independent but inter-related training programs which make the geography more manageable

Access to all subspecialties

Contact us

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Frequently asked questions

Teaching & Study Leave

How is the regional teaching program structured? Each of the schemes have their own local teaching program. This is usually a half-day per week (EBH, Cambridge). The radiology academy tends to have longer structured teaching periods. In addition there are regional teaching days (e.g. paediatric imaging, interventional radiology simulation teaching, exam preparation run at different sites and open to all.

How many days of study leave do I get? Local teaching days are built into the rota. Standard 30 day allowance for external course/conferences.

What opportunities are there for simulation training in the region? There are ultrasound simulators available in Essex and Norwich. Vascular interventional simulator at the Norwich radiology academy with hands-on sessions open to all EoE trainees.

If Medicine was a car industry, which car would represent Radiology and why?

I don't know, but the car would have tinted windows to keep the light level down, a great dashboard system display, comfy seats, an innovative tool kit in the boot (and ideally a coffee machine in the front).

Training Programme

How many years is the training program? The standard clinical radiology training program is 5 years. A couple of sub-specialities (interventional radiology and interventional neuroradiology have a ST6 year.

Is the training run through or decoupled? Run through

Which units in the East of England can I be trained in?

There are 3 generally separate schemes in the region; Norwich, Cambridge and EBH (Essex, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire). There is also a ST posts at Peterborough City Hospital, overseen by the Cambridge training program director but currently running as a stand alone site.

Are there more localized Sub-rotations to avoid long commutes? The EBH scheme tends to be based at single Trusts for five years, as are Peterborough trainees. Cambridge trainees are based at Addenbrooke's Hospital (or the now co-located Royal Papworth Hospital) for 4.5 years of the 5 year program with two 3-month attachments elsewhere. Norwich trainees are at the Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital (NNUH) for 4 years with two 6-months placements elsewhere. There is some flexibility in rotation site, but typically the James Paget (Great Yarmouth), the QEH (King's Lynn) and Ipswich.

What induction program is there into training in the region?

Each of the programs has it's own local induction.

How is recruitment organized? Nationally through London Deanery, opening in November with interviews in the Spring.

Opportunities

What Sub-specialty / fellowship training opportunities are there in the region?

All radiological subspecialties are available in the East of England. Interventional neuroradiology is only available at the Addenbrooke's site. There are MRI and breast fellowships in Cambridge with ST6 posts in interventional radiology. There are chest and cardiac imaging fellowships at the Royal Papworth Hospital. Breast, musculoskeletal imaging and (ST6) interventional radiology fellowships are available in Norwich.

What research opportunities are there in the region? Doing a higher degree with research component is a mandatory part of the ST1-ST3 training in this specialty and is undertaken concurrently with STR training.

Is there scope for work overseas during my training?

There is no formal overseas link. Trainees have taken overseas electives following discussion with training program directors.

Where can I go for more information?

The HEE east of England radiology page

<https://heeo.ee.nhs.uk/radiology>

Royal College of Radiologist website:

<https://www.rcr.ac.uk/clinical-radiology/specialty-training>

The Norwich Radiology Academy website:

www.norwichradiologyacademy.co.uk

Exams

What exams will I have to sit during my training?

here is the Part 1 FRCR exam taken in March of ST1 (physics and anatomy). The final FRCR exam is in two parts; A (single best answer written papers), typically taken near the end of ST3 and B (rapid reporting, written long cases, viva) typically taken from the beginning of ST4.

Is there any exam preparation organised in the region?

There are formal teaching program as above, plus pre-exam mocks in Norwich and EBH. All sites also have extensive consultant delivered pre-exam tutorial teaching sessions.

What are the top 3 reasons for training in the East of England:

1. High level of consultant supervision and contact time
2. Three independent but inter-related training programs which make the geography more manageable whilst having regional resources available
3. Choice of living locations - historic cities and towns, villages, London borders.