

Student placement information

Hyper Acute Stroke Unit (HASU), Ward 7E – John Radcliffe Hospital

- Welcome to the Hyper Acute Stroke Unit! We deliver hyper acute and acute stroke care 24/7 to patients that had suffered an acute stroke. We are passionate about patient stroke acute management but also their rehabilitation. We offer hyper acute treatments such as thrombolysis and mechanical thrombectomy, aiming at restoring stroke patient's health, independence, and quality of life as much as possible. We are proud to work within a multidisciplinary team composed of specialist doctors, nurses, specialist nurses, research nurses, nursing assistants, pharmacist, occupational therapist, physiotherapists, speech and language therapists and dietitian that work every day towards patient's recovery in such an impactful event in their lives and of their loved ones.
- If you have been allocated placement with us, please contact the ward as soon as possible during weekdays and ask to speak to the Ward Manager or the Deputy Sister in charge and we will help you out with the rest...
- In 2019 we have received from Oxford Brookes University a "Highly Commended Placement of the Year Award" and we do work on trying to make your placement's learning opportunities and experiences as diverse and rich as possible.
- You will learn about the Stroke Pathway and National Stroke Care and Management standards of care. You will understand and get involved in the acute care of stroke patients in a holistic and therapeutic way and know how to address their new impairments (swallow, speech, physical, cognitive, psychosocial) working collaboratively with our MDT members to achieve patient's rehabilitation goals or to give them the best comfort care if that turns to be the most appropriate path.
- We would suggest appropriate spoke placements might be time with Early Supported Discharge Team (ESD), TIA Clinic with the TIA nurses and Dr., a visit to Oxfordshire Stroke Rehabilitation Unit at Abingdon Community Hospital. There may be opportunities to witness various investigations and procedures too.
- We deliver care 24/7 on shift patterns made of long days (07:30 – 20:00) and nights (19:30 – 08:00)

Interdisciplinary learning

- Adult Nursing
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational therapy
- Speech and Language Therapy

Local education programmes

We have designed a welcome booklet to give you some starting insight on stroke and our ward learning opportunities (please ask for it when you contact the ward).

We are currently working on the development of education days and activities to enhance the knowledge of our staff and everyone is very welcome to join.

Useful reading for the placement

[National Clinical Guideline for Stroke \(RCP, 2016\)](#)

[NICE guideline \[NG128\] Stroke and transient ischaemic attack in over 16s: diagnosis and initial management \(NICE, 2019\)](#)