

## **Student Placement information**

### **Blenheim Head and Neck Ward at the Churchill Hospital**

Welcome to Blenheim Head and Neck Ward. The ward has 15 beds specialising in head and neck cancer including Ear Nose and Throat, Plastic Surgery, Endocrinology and Maxillofacial Surgery. We take mostly elective patients but some emergencies as well.

Surgery includes some minor investigative surgery but also more complex surgery such as laryngectomy and glossectomy.

Please call the ward on **01865 223538** and ask for the clinical Practice Educator or Deputy Sister on shift. The best time to call is between 15:00 and 16:00.

Having a placement on Blenheim will enable you to expand your knowledge in airway management and teach you how to communicate with patients who have speech and communication difficulties after surgery.

Our patients also have altered nutritional needs after surgery so you will learn about enteral feeding.

Blenheim ward is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Nurses work a mixture of long days, nights and weekends.

Day shifts are 07:00 - 20:00 and night shifts are 19:30 - 07:30.

### **Spoke placements**

- Blenheim Outpatients
- Blenheim Plastic Dressing Clinic
- Observe a surgery
- Work with the Head and Neck Specialist Nurse
- Attend a Head and Neck Multidisciplinary Team Meeting
- Work a shift on the Specialist Surgery Inpatient Ward (SSIP) and/or the Vascular Ward

### **Interdisciplinary learning**

- Physiotherapy students
- Nursing students
- Dietetic students
- Pharmacy students

### **Local education programmes**

- Student school
- CPE teaching on the ward
- Students are able to attend ward study days if they are running while they are on placement

## **Useful reading for the placement**

Corbridge RJ and Steventon N (2006) *Oxford handbook of ENT and head and neck surgery*. Oxford: OUP

Tobias JS and Hochhauser D (2010) *Cancer and its management. 6th ed.* Chichester: Wiley-Blackwell

Brandwein-Gensler M (2010) *Head and neck*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press

Harnsberger HR (2009) *Head and neck*. London: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins