

## **Student Placement information**

### **Churchill Overnight Recovery Unit (CORU)**

Churchill Overnight Recovery Unit (CORU) is a four bedded, Level 2 HDU located in Recovery. Elective surgical patients are identified at pre-admission and booked into CORU for their post-operative care. CORU enables patients who would not be suitable for Ward level care post operatively to be cared for 1:1 by a trained Recovery practitioner.

We have 13 different specialties in Churchill Theatres so the patient groups and operations completed here that may require a CORU bed post operatively are varied. Specialties we have are:

- Urology – including the use of robotic surgery
- Gynaecology-oncology
- Lower Gastrointestinal/Colorectal (LGI)
- Upper Gastrointestinal (UGI)
- Hepatobiliary (HPB)
- Endocrine Surgery
- Breast Surgery
- Maxillofacial
- Ear Nose and Throat
- Plastics
- Vascular Access
- Living Related Donor Transplant
- Transplant

We carry out the following transplant procedures here:

- Kidney Transplant
- Pancreas Transplant
- Simultaneous Kidney Pancreas Procedures
- Small Bowel Transplant with or without an abdominal wall transplant

**Please make contact with the placement area three weeks prior to starting.**

#### **Key named person to contact**

Kim Lovegrove, Practice Educator: [kim.lovegrove@ouh.nhs.uk](mailto:kim.lovegrove@ouh.nhs.uk)

#### **Key members of staff**

- Matron – Theresa Lowry
- Deputy Matron – Nadine Purdy
- Kim Lovegrove – Lead Practice Educator

- Ward Sister –Josefina Marticio – Anaesthetics, Recovery and CORU Sister
- Clinical Facilitators – Lauren Wallis and Tim Digman (A&R)

### **Brief description of the area**

The staff working in CORU are Registered Nurses or Operating Department Practitioners (ODP). During your placement you will get the opportunity to work across all four areas in Churchill Theatres including CORU.

CORU is a nurse-led unit that is supported by our Anaesthetic Consultants. All of our staff are expected to be able to independently identify and react to patients' needs in the post-operative period.

The learning opportunities are very varied in CORU due to the number of specialties we have. For example, you will be exposed through A-E assessments, assess patients' pain requirements, epidural care, ABG analysis, fluid management plus more, dependent on the type of surgery – everything you need to manage a complex surgical patient in the immediate post-operative period.

### **Spoke placements**

- Day Surgery
- Pre assessment
- Anaesthetics
- Recovery
- Scrub

### **Types of students who work in the area**

- Student ODPs
- Student Nurses

### **Typical shift patterns**

- Mondays 11:00 - 20:00
- Tuesday to Friday 07:30 - 20:00
- Saturday 07:30 - 16:00
- Sunday CLOSED

### **Local education programmes**

- Perioperative New Starters Induction Day – runs every month and focuses on the basics of Theatres.
- S&O Student Academy.
- Back to Basics – Anaesthetic and Scrub sessions run by Education team on a variety of topics relevant to theatres.
- Monday Morning CORU sessions – regular teaching sessions by Anaesthetists and Surgeons on Churchill Theatre topics.

## **Useful reading**

- Care of the Patient in Surgery – Jane C Rothrick
- Introduction to Anaesthesia – P Greig and N Crabtree

Refresh knowledge on A&P for Respiratory and Cardiac systems.