

## Student Placement information

### Surgical Emergency Unit (SEU), John Radcliffe

- Welcome to the Surgical Emergency Unit (6D and 6E)
- Please make contact with the placement as soon as possible. Contact details are as follows:
  - SEU D side: 21821/2
  - Ward Manager: 57952;
  - SEU E side: 57950/1
  - Ward Manager: 57952;
- SEU is currently a 44 bedded unit comprising of a 12 trolleyed triage area, an outpatient ambulatory area and a 30 bedded ward area split into 2 wards – 6D and 6E. Placements are on the 2 ward areas only. We accept all general surgical patients referred to the hospital by their GP and care for a wide range of adult patients of all ages with conditions such as appendicitis, cholecystitis / biliary colic, diverticulitis, pancreatitis, bowel obstruction, colorectal cancer, rectal bleeding and much more. Many of our patients have complex needs with many co-morbidities. We care for patients pre-op and post-op, pre ITU and post-ITU and those awaiting social care.
- Key learning opportunities during the placement: patient assessment (A-E), pre- and post-op care, care of the deteriorating patient, post-ITU care, care of the complex patient with multiple co-morbidities, care of Central Venous Access Device's, care of abdominal drains, complex pain management, enteral and parenteral feeding, stoma care and wound care. Students encouraged to take a caseload commensurate with their level of experience.
- Suggested spoke placements: theatre, stoma therapists, discharge planning, pain team, patient follow through (pre-op, theatre, recovery, post-op), Triage (3<sup>rd</sup> year only), palliative care (3<sup>rd</sup> year only), ambulatory area.
- Typical shift patterns: department is open: open 24/7 except that ambulatory area which is open from 08:30 – 16:00 Mon-Fri and typical shifts are long days starting at 07:00 and finishing at 20:00 during the day and 19:30 – 07:30 for a night shift. We actively discourage working more than 2 long days in a row. Short shifts are available on request.

### Interdisciplinary learning

- Nursing – Oxford Brookes University and Open University
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Ambulance Service
- Trainee Nursing Associates
- Nursing Apprenticeships

### Local education programmes

- Student School
- Student Academy
- Ward Teaching Programmes

## **Useful reading for the placement**

- Royal Marsden Manual of Clinical Nursing Procedures
- SEU booklets on: Emergency General Surgery; Upper GI Surgery; Lower GI Surgery; Hepato-Biliary Surgery