

## Student Placement information

### Kamran's Ward, Oxford Children's Hospital

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Welcome to Kamran's Ward, a paediatric haematology/oncology unit. We are a small friendly team and hope that you soon feel welcome and part of the team.

This package has been designed to give you some useful information about us, but as everyone has different needs, please keep asking as you go along.

Kamran's Ward at the Children's Hospital, Oxford is one of the regional Principal Treatment Centres (PTC) for Paediatric Oncology in the country, treating children with malignant and non-malignant diseases. We treat children from birth until late adolescence. On average we treat 120 new patients a year.

We specialise in caring for patients with:

- Malignant diseases e.g. leukaemia, solid tumours
- Non-malignant blood disorders e.g. sickle cell disease
- Clotting disorders e.g. haemophilia
- Peripheral blood stem cell transplants

We care for these patients as inpatients and outpatients, we have the potential to open to 9 inpatient beds, but currently are open to 7-9: dependent on staffing. We have 5 cubicles, 3 of which can provide isolation facilities. Our nursing team is dedicated to family centred care, encouraging parents and families to partake in both the planning and delivering of their child's care.

We also run a busy day care unit on Kamran's Ward; Monday to Friday 08.00 - 20.00. This unit provides day care chemotherapy, blood tests, blood transfusions, diagnostic tests, and reviews by the medical team. Kamran's Daycare also provides anaesthetic lists for lumbar punctures and bone marrow aspirates, and a Hickman line/Port-a-cath theatre list

Kamran's ward inpatients is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week throughout the year while Kamran's Daycare is only Monday – Friday, and closed on bank holidays. There are 3 shift patterns on the ward:

- Long day – 07.30 - 20.00
- Night – 19.30 – 08.00
- Day care – 07.30 – 20.00

**There are various learning opportunities available on Kamran's, these include:**

- Caring for children with differing needs – for example in a daycare versus inpatient setting
- Caring for a child receiving chemotherapy – for example anti- emetics and fluid balance
- Identifying and caring for a patient with sepsis
- Learning about side effects of chemotherapy/radiotherapy and appropriate monitoring – for example monitoring blood counts
- Observation of procedures on the ward (for example Lumbar Puncture/Intrathecal chemotherapy administration)
- Central line care
- Medication preparation and administration
- Caring for a child with a high dependency level
- Opportunity to build up long term therapeutic relationships
- Working within the MDT – attending MDT meetings

Plus, many more!

**Suggested spoke placements (difficult during COVID-19)**

- Radiotherapy
- X-ray
- Theatres including line insertion
- POONs visits
- Consultant clinics