

General Practitioner (GP)

General practitioners (GPs) treat patients with a variety of common medical conditions and refer patients to hospitals and other medical services for urgent and specialist treatment. They focus on the health of the whole person combining physical, psychological and social aspects of care.

GPs are primary care doctors providing the first point of contact with the NHS for most people in their communities. GPs help patients by trying to identify problems they may have at an early stage which could be as varied as an infectious disease, cancer or a safeguarding issue. They are the trusted adults to whom patients first turn for advice and support. GPs also try wherever possible to maintain the health of patients through preventive care and health promotion.



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Anaesthesia

Anaesthetists, the largest group of hospital-based specialists, are doctors who use drugs and gases to stop patients feeling pain or distress before, during and after operations or other medical procedures.

Their activities include surgery, emergency care, intensive care, pain management and obstetric analgesia (pain relief in pregnancy and labour).

Anaesthetists work in many different areas of the hospital. Basic anaesthetic skills are learned in the first few years of training, but after that many anaesthetists develop a particular expertise. Anaesthetists care for patients by choosing the appropriate anaesthetics, monitoring their wellbeing during operations and painful procedures, supervising their recovery and providing further pain relief if needed.



Obstetrics and Gynaecology

Obstetrics and gynaecology is concerned with the care of pregnant woman, her unborn child and the management of diseases specific to women. The specialty combines medicine and surgery

Most consultants within the specialty work in both obstetrics and gynaecology (O&G). Many have a major special interest in a particular area, such as high-risk obstetrics, fertility care or minimal access surgery. A smaller number of consultants work as sub specialists, with all of their work concentrated in a specific area of practice.

This is a varied specialty, mostly dealing with healthy women, where unexpected challenges can present themselves on a daily basis. Work includes a large number of hands-on procedures, both in obstetrics and gynaecology.



Psychiatry

A psychiatrist is a medically qualified doctor who deals with mental illness, as well as the interaction between physical and mental illness.

Psychiatrists look after patients with mental health problems such as depression, bipolar affective disorder, anxiety disorders, learning disabilities, eating disorders, schizophrenia, dementia, and drug and alcohol abuse.

Find out more about psychiatry by watching the video of Professor Simon Wessley, President of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, talking about the advantages of a career in this area on the NHS careers website.

Community sexual and reproductive medicine

Community sexual and reproductive health (CSRH) is a specialty concerned with caring for the sexual health needs of men and women. Services include contraception, treatment of sexually transmitted infections and the menopause, sexual assault and unplanned pregnancies.

CSRH evolved from the obstetrics and gynaecology sub-specialty of sexual and reproductive health. It was set up in an effort to improve leadership and skills in community based services and to reduce health inequalities.

Consultants in CSRH provide clinical expertise and leadership and bring a broad range of clinical skills to the workplace.



Surgeon

Surgery has a complex training route as there is variation between different surgical specialties that lie within the broader surgical group.

Because of the many options available within surgery, it can offer a demanding and challenging career. In the later stages of training, surgery is a very competitive area of medicine and to succeed you have to be incredibly hard working and determined.

Surgery comprises ten main specialties which have further options for sub-specialisation embedded with them. Throughout a surgical career, surgeons will work in a number of different jobs.



Medical

There are 27 different pathways within medicine, covering a wide variety of options such as allergy, dermatology, infectious diseases, neurology, and sport and exercise medicine.

Most medical roles have a mixture of ward work and clinic-based medicine and in most cases a generalist attitude is required as you will be working with patients who have more than one medical problem.

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Higher/Degree Apprenticeship	Level 7	Masters (MA, MSc, MPhil) Postgraduate Certificate / Diploma	NVQ5
	Level 6	Degree (BA, BSc)	NVQ4
	Level 5	Foundation Degree (FdA, FdSc)	
	Level 4		
Advanced Apprenticeship (2 A-level passes)	Level 3	A & A/S Level International Baccalaureate	NVQ3
Intermediate Apprenticeship (5 GCSE's A*-C)	Level 2	GCSE A*-C or 9-4 Key Skills Level 2	NVQ2
	Level 1	GCSE D-G or 3-1 Key Skills Level 1	NVQ1

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- *Get in... Opportunities for people to start their career in a support role*
- *Get on... Support people to be the best they can be in the job they do*
- *Go further... Provide opportunities for career progression, including into registered professions*

"My apprenticeship has allowed me to work across a range of clinics – gynaecology, paediatrics, Cardiology, renal, vascular surgery/clinic, cataract surgery, minor ops, maxio-facial, dermatology, midwifery, orthopaedics, ophthalmology and ENT which has been great as I have learnt lots of different skills"



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