



Placement Area:	Acute Medical Occupational Therapy
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Placement Facilitator:	Christine Billington, (Professional Lead for Acute Medicine)
Type of Placement:	Acute medicine. You will have a designated educator(s), who will often cover designated wards. These will likely be the patients you see and the area you cover from day-to-day, although we do regularly support colleagues on other wards when there is a high capacity. We recommend contacting your educator and asking which wards they cover most often, so that you can prepare appropriately.

	<p>Encompassing the following specialty wards: Ward 5: Endocrine and Diabetes; Ward 17: Care of the Elderly; Ward 18: Cardiology; Ward 20: Respiratory Enhanced High Care; Ward 23: Respiratory; Ward 24: Gastroenterology; Ward 25: Regional Renal Unit AAU: Acute Assessment Unit MAU: Medical Assessment Unit</p> <p>As and when required we also provide ongoing continuing care for medical outlying patients located in other areas of the hospital, for example on the: Medical Escalation Unit; Cardiac Catheter Lab, (CCL); Fell View</p>	
Patient Demographic:	In-patient adults and older adults who can have complex, (multi) medical pathologies.	
Common medical conditions and patient presentation encountered on the following wards:	Ward 5 (Diabetes and Endocrine);	DKA (Diabetic Ketoacidosis); Unstable BMs, (Blood sugar level, either too high or too low); UTI; Urine retention; AKI; Falls; Generally medically unwell; INR (high/low); HTN; Sepsis; Pneumonia – HAP / CAP; Dementia / Delirium / Confusion; Mental Health Conditions: Bipolar disorder; Depression; Anxiety; Schizophrenia; Anorexia; Suicidal ideation / attempts.

	<p>Ward 17 (Care of the Elderly):</p>	<p>Collapse / Falls; Rhabdomyolysis / long lie; Dehydration; Dementia / Confusion / Delirium; UTI; Sepsis; Parkinson's; Multiple Sclerosis; Myasthenia Gravis; Aortic Stenosis; Osteomyelitis; Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus; Diabetic neuropathy; Endocarditis; Lumbar stenosis; Cataracts; Glaucoma; Arthritis, (Osteoarthritis and Rheumatoid Arthritis); Anxiety; Depression.</p>
	<p>Ward 18 (Cardiology):</p>	<p>Angina; Cardiovascular Disease; Heart Failure; Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy; Dilated Cardiomyopathy; Atherosclerosis; Atrial Fibrillation; Congenital heart disease; Arrhythmia; Coronary Artery Disease; Myocardial Infarction; Mitral Regurgitation; Peripheral Artery Disease; Dementia / Confusion / Delirium; Sepsis; UTI; Encephalitis; Falls; Mental Health Conditions:</p>

		<p>Bipolar disorder; Depression; Anxiety; Schizophrenia; Anorexia; Suicidal ideation / attempts.</p>
	<p>Ward 20 (Enhanced High Care) (Respiratory):</p>	<p>Chronic Breathlessness; Type 1 and Type 2 Respiratory Failure; Asthma; Bronchiectasis; Pneumonia – CAP and HAP; COPD – Chronic Bronchitis and Emphysema; Interstitial Lung Disease, (ILD); Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis; Hypersensitivity Pneumonitis; Pulmonary Embolism (P.E.); Pneumoconiosis; Motor Neuron Disease; Morbid Obesity; Osteoporosis.</p>
	<p>Ward 23 (Respiratory):</p>	<p>Chronic Breathlessness; Type 1 and Type 2 Respiratory Failure; Asthma; Bronchiectasis; Pneumonia – CAP and HAP; COPD – Chronic Bronchitis and Emphysema; Interstitial Lung Disease, (ILD); Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis; Hypersensitivity Pneumonitis; Pulmonary Embolism (P.E.); Pneumoconiosis; Motor Neuron Disease; Morbid Obesity; Osteoporosis.</p>
	<p>Ward 24 (Gastroenterolog y):</p>	<p>Alcohol Excess; both neurological and physical effects; Jaundice; Alcoholic liver disease and cirrhosis;</p>

		<p>Encephalopathy; Colitis; Crohn’s Disease; Diverticulitis; Pancreatitis; Melena; Hematemesis; Hepatitis A,B and C; Irritable Bowel Syndrome; Inflammatory Bowel Disease; Gallbladder Disease; Peptic Ulcer Disease; Dementia / Confusion / Delirium; Cellulitis; Sepsis;</p>
	Ward 25 (Renal):	<p>Fluid overload; Acute Kidney Injury; Polycystic Kidney Disease; Chronic Kidney Disease; Hematuria; Hyponatremia; Hyperkalemia; Dementia / Confusion / Delirium.</p>
Knowledge and information which would be useful to the student:	Cardiology:	<p>Information on Cardiac conditions can be gained from books - University / Hospital / Public Libraries / Internet; NICE guidelines for Cardiac Conditions British Heart Foundation; Department of Health; National Service Framework for Coronary Heart Disease, (NSF chapter 8 – Cardiac Risk in the Young; Royal College of Physicians).</p>
	Care of the Elderly:	<p>Information on elderly care conditions can be gained from books - University / Hospital / Public Libraries / Internet; NICE guidelines elderly care / frailty; Rockwood Frailty Scale; Alzheimer’s Society.org; Dementiauk.org.</p>

	Respiratory:	Information on Respiratory Conditions can be gained from books - University / Hospital / Public Libraries / Internet; NICE Guidelines for Respiratory Conditions; British Lung Foundation; Chartered Society of Physiotherapists.
	Gastroenterology :	Information on Gastroenterology Conditions can be gained from books - University / Hospital / Public Libraries / Internet; British Society of Gastroenterology – which links to the NICE Guidelines; Liver Function; Basic Gastroenterology Anatomy;
	Renal:	Information on Renal Conditions can be gained from books - University / Hospital / Public Libraries / Internet; Department of Health; National Service Frameworks, in particular for Renal Failure. https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/199002/National_Service_Framework_for_Renal_Services_Part_Two_-_Chronic_Kidney_Disease_Acute_Renal_Failure_and_End_of_Life_Care.pdf ; Chronic Kidney Disease; https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/kidney-disease/ Chronic Kidney Disease in adults: The assessment and management of the condition. https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg182
Recommended (General Reading):		RCOT Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct; Current RCOT Guidelines and Drivers. CSP’s Code of Members' Professional Values and Behavior LTHTR Allied Health Professional Workforce Strategy 2022-2023

<p>Visits / Shadowing Which Can Be Arranged:</p>	<p>Prior to your placement: An informal visit can be arranged with your allocated supervisor via email or phone call. It is the student's responsibility to arrange this.</p> <p>On placement: There are a wide range of visits available, and these can be negotiated with your educator and will likely differ depending on which ward you spend most time on. Examples can be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OT/Physio depending on student. • Therapy Assistants. • Ward Staff. • Specialist Nurses. • Dietitians. • HomeFirst Team • Speech and Language. • Discharge Facilitators.
<p>Hours of work:</p>	<p>37.5 hours per week. Monday to Friday 08:00 – 16:00. Reasonable adjustments may be able to be made in certain circumstances.</p>
<p>Last updated: July 2023. Alexandra Speake, Specialist Physiotherapist.</p>	