

Haematology (doctor)

Haematologists diagnose and treat patients with blood and bone marrow disorders.

Haematology is an intensive but exciting specialty with both clinical and laboratory practice. It's a field that is rapidly changing, with great research successes seen in front-line medicine.

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Life as a haematologist

You'll have a dual role as a haematologist and take an active part in every stage of a patient's care - from their initial clinic visit, to diagnosis through laboratory assessment, and treatment and follow-up. The [holistic](#) ^[3] nature of your role will be a highlight of your work, and you will build relationships with patients of all ages and from diverse backgrounds with a range of haematology presentations and conditions.

During your training you will be expected to do some paediatric haematology. You can then continue your career focused on young teenage adults, or specialise in conditions usually only seen in the elderly.

Your work will also be varied through a balance of inpatient and outpatient work and practical aspects including several procedures.

You will see patients with malignant conditions such as leukaemias, myelomas and lymphomas as well as patients with anaemia, haemophilia or clotting disorders. You'll provide clinical support for the haematology diagnostic laboratory, as well as the blood bank through transfusion medicine.

Depending where you work, you may care for patients having bone marrow or blood transfusions for specific conditions.

Typically, your role will include:

- delivering clinical care, often for life-threatening disease
- formulating [chemotherapy](#) ^[4] protocols and managing their delivery
- managing haematopoietic stem cell transplantation procedures
- providing advice on haematology laboratory results

- sampling the bone marrow through biopsies and interpreting the morphology under a microscope
- performing lumbar punctures and giving intra-thecal chemotherapy
- potential research commitments

Importantly, you'll be part of a multi-disciplinary team that provides care to patients with haematological conditions. The rest of the team will include clinical nurse specialists, pharmacists, research nurses, dieticians, and biomedical, and clinical scientists.

You will also provide an advisory and consultancy service to GPs and other hospital specialists, including surgeons and [intensive care](#) ^[5] and emergency doctors. This liaison work, along with assistance in the clinical interpretation of laboratory data, can be very satisfying.

Dr Shivan Pancham

Consultant Haematologist

The haematology specialty was always an attractive career option since I was at medical school.

[Read Shivan's story](#) ^[6]

How much can I earn?

You'll first earn a salary when you start your [foundation training](#) ^[7] after medical school. Find out details of current salary ranges for foundation and specialty training, [SAS doctors](#) ^[8] and consultants on the '[Pay for doctors](#)' ^[9] page.

How about the benefits?

- make a difference
- flexible and part-time working
- high income early in your career
- work anywhere in the world
- excellent pension scheme
- good holiday entitlement
- NHS discounts in shops and restaurants

Must-have skills

- excellent communication skills to manage a wide range of relationships with colleagues, patients, and their families
- emotional resilience, a calm temperament, and the ability to work well under pressure
- teamwork and the capacity to lead multidisciplinary teams
- problem-solving and diagnostic skills

- outstanding organisational ability and effective decision-making skills
- first-class time and resource management for the benefit of patients

Entry requirements

Your first step is medical school. Typically, you'll need excellent GCSEs and three A or A* passes at A level including chemistry for a five-year undergraduate degree in medicine. Many medical schools also ask for biology and others may require maths or physics.

If you already have a degree, you could study for a four-year postgraduate degree in medicine.

You will need to pass an interview and admissions test. You will be asked to show how you demonstrate the NHS values such as compassion and respect.

Some medical schools look to recruit a mix of students from diverse backgrounds and geographical areas, so your educational and economic background and family circumstances could be considered as part of your application.

What are my chances of starting a career as a haematologist?

There are approximately 917 haematologists working in the NHS in England. In 2020, there were 195 applications for 73 specialty training places.

How to become a haematologist

After medical school, you'll join the paid two-year foundation programme ^[10] where you'll work in six placements in different settings.

After your foundation programme, you can apply for internal medicine training. After two years you can apply for specialty training ^[11] to become a haematologist, which will take a minimum of five years.

You may be able to train part time, for example for health reasons or if you have family or caring responsibilities.

Where a career as a haematologist can take you

You will have the opportunity to develop special interests in a wide variety of clinical and laboratory areas. Most haematologists have competences in one or more sub-specialties within the discipline, including:

- haemato-oncology ^[12] (acute and chronic leukaemia, lymphoma, multiple myeloma)
- haemostasis/thrombosis ^[13] (congenital and acquired disorders of haemostasis and blood coagulation and management of antithrombotic therapies)

- disorders of blood production and destruction (including bone marrow failure, anaemias, and autoimmune blood diseases)
- transfusion medicine
- paediatric haematology

You'll also have the chance to teach medical students and trainees and many haematologists also undertake research.

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Leeds, LS9 7TF

Salary:

£61825.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Leeds Teaching Hospitals

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○ Specialty Doctor in Clinical Haematology

Carlisle, CA2 7HY

Salary:

£59175.00 to £95400.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Consultant Haematologist**

Llantrisant, CF72 8XR

Salary:

£106000.00 to £154760.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board

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- **Consultant Haematologist**

Sunderland, SR47TP

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

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- **Consultant Haematologist**

Middlesbrough, TS4 3BW

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Consultant Haematologist**

Canterbury, CT1 3NG

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Consultant Haematologist**

Preston, PR2 9HT

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Consultant Haematologist**

Newport, PO305TG

Salary:

£99532.00 to £131964.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Isle of Wight NHS Trust

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- **Consultant Haematologist**

Doncaster, DN2 5LT

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Doncaster & Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS FT

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- **Consultant Haematologist**

Isleworth, TW7 6AF

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Locum Consultant Haematologist**

London, SE18 4QH

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust

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- **Locum Clinical Haematologist Consultant**

Carlisle, CA2 7HY

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Consultant General/Laboratory Haematologist**

Oxford, OX3 8JF

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Haematology Consultant**

Crewe,, CW1 4QJ

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

The Christie NHS FT

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- **Consultant Haematologist in Haemostasis and Thrombosis**

Leicester, LE1 5WW

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust

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- **Consultant in Haematology**

Taunton, TA1 5DA

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Somerset NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Haematology Clinic Clerk**

Llantrisant, CF72 8XR

Salary:

£24433.00 to £26060.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board

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- **Haematology Quality Manager**

Bath, BA1 3NG

Salary:

£46148.00 to £52809.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Consultant in Haematology**

Hull, HU16 5JQ

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

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- **Consultant Haematologist with an interest in Amyloidosis**

Hampstead, NW3 2QG

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Senior Pharmacist - Haematology/Oncology**

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Permanent

Employer:

Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Consultant in Paediatric Haematology**

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Type:

Permanent

Employer:

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- **Locum Consultant in Haematology**

Maidstone, ME16 9QQ

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£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust

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- **Consultant Haematologist with an interest in Donor Medicine**

Pontyclun, CF72 9WB

Salary:

£106000.00 to £154760.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Welsh Blood Service

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- **Senior Specialist Pharmacist - Haematology/Oncology**

London, WC1N 3JH

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£61927.00 to £68676.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Advanced Clinical Practitioner in Haematology**

Wakefield, WF1 4DG

Salary:

£53755.00 to £60504.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

The Mid Yorkshire Teaching NHS Trust

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- **MDT Coordinator for Upper GI & Haematology**

Nuneaton, CV10 7DJ

Salary:

£26530.00 to £29114.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust

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- **Clinical Fellow in Haematology and BMT**

Cardiff, CF14 4XW

Salary:

£43821.00 to £68330.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board

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- **Research Fellow in MGCS - Haematology (Amyloidosis)**

London, NW1 2BU

Salary:

£70425.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Specialist Clinical Pharmacist – Paediatric Oncology/Haematology**

Nottingham, NG7 2UH

Salary:

£53755.00 to £60504.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trusts

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- **Malignant Haematology Cancer Care Co-ordinator**

Bradford, BD10 0JE

Salary:

£26530.00 to £29114.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Consultant in General and Red Cell Haematology**

Oxford, OX3 7LE

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Specialty Doctor**

Salford, M6 7WQ

Salary:

£82000.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

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- **ENT Doctor**

Sheffield, S9 1XH

Salary:

£550.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

CHEC

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- **Dermatology Doctor**

Canterbury, CT1 1BN

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Bank

Employer:

CHEC

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- **Dermatology Doctor**

London, SE14 6BL

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Bank

Employer:

CHEC

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- **Dermatology Doctor**

Wandsworth, SW18 4WW

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Bank

Employer:

CHEC

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- **Dermatology Doctor**

Slough, SL1 2EJ

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Bank

Employer:

CHEC

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- **Specialty Doctor**

Lewisham, SE13 6LH

Salary:

£59175.00 to £95400.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust

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- **Dermatology Doctor**

Leicester, LE1 2BU

Salary:

£550.00

Type:

Bank

Employer:

CHEC

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- **ENT Doctor**

Leicester, LE1 2BU

Salary:

£550.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

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- **Dermatology Doctor**

Swindon, SN3 3RB

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Bank

Employer:

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- **ENT Doctor**

Swindon, SN3 3RB

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

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Employer:

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- **Further information**

These organisations have further information about being a haematologist, particularly as your career progresses. Take a look.

[British Society for Haematology](#) ^[58]

[Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians Training Board](#) ^[59]

[Royal College of Pathologists](#) ^[60]

The Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland [61]

And hear from Dr Tim Littlewood [62] who already works as a haematologist.

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