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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 includes 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.

How much can I earn?

You'll first earn a salary when you start your <u>foundation training</u> [6] after medical school. Find out details of current salary ranges for foundation and specialty training, <u>SAS doctors</u> [7] and consultants on the <u>Pay for doctors</u> [8] 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.

"I love my job. It's really interesting as it's a dual role. We not only provide clinical care but are also involved in diagnosis. We're part of the whole patient journey from admission, diagnosis, treatment and holistic [3] care of the patient."

Read Thinzar's story [9].

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 <u>foundation programme</u> [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 <u>specialty training</u> [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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• 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 Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor in Clinical Haematology job (opens in a new window) [14]

• Consultant Haematologist

Llantrisant, CF72 8XR

Salary: £106000.00 to £154760.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant Haematologist job (opens in a new window)

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• Consultant Haematologist

Carshalton, SM5 1AA

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant Haematologist job (opens in a new window) [16]

Consultant Haematologist

Sunderland, SR47TP

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust <u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant Haematologist job (opens in a new window)</u> [17]

• Consultant Haematologist

Doncaster, DN2 5LT Salary: £105504.00 to £139882.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Doncaster & Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS FT Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant Haematologist job (opens in a new window) [18]

Consultant Haematologist

Newport, PO305TG Salary: £99532.00 to £131964.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Isle of Wight NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant Haematologist job (opens in a new window) [19] London, SE18 4QH

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust

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• Consultant Haematologist UHL

London, SE13 6LH

Salary: £105504.00 to £139882.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant Haematologist UHL job (opens in a new window) [21]

• Locum Clinical Haematologist Consultant

Carlisle, CA2 7HY

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Locum Clinical Haematologist Consultant job (opens in a new window) [22]

Consultant Haematologist (Haemostasis and Thrombosis)

Headington, OX3 7HE Salary: £105504.00 to £139882.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant Haematologist (Haemostasis and Thrombosis) job (opens in a new window) [23]

• Haematology Consultant

Prescot, L35 5DR Salary: £105504.00 to £139882.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Haematology Consultant job (opens in a new window) ^[24]

• Haematology Consultant

Crewe,, CW1 4QJ Salary: £105504.00 to £139882.00 Type: Permanent Employer: The Christie NHS FT Apply now on NHS Jobs for Haematology Consultant job (opens in a new window)

Consultant Haematologist in Haemostasis and Thrombosis

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Leicester, LE1 5WW
Salary:
£105504.00 to £139882.00
Type:
Permanent
Employer:
University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant Haematologist in Haemostasis and
Thrombosis job (opens in a new window) [26]
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Locum Haematology Consultant

Crewe, CW1 4QJ Salary: £105504.00 to £139882.00 Type: Fixed-Term Employer: The Christie NHS FT Apply now on NHS Jobs for Locum Haematology Consultant job (opens in a new window) [27]

• Haematology Operational Manager

Milton Keynes, MK6 5LD Salary: £53755.00 to £60504.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Milton Keynes University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Haematology Operational Manager job (opens in a new window) [28]

• Consultant in Haematology

Taunton, TA1 5DA Salary: £105504.00 to £139882.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Somerset NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant in Haematology job (opens in a new window) [29]

• Consultant in Haematology

Hull, HU16 5JQ Salary: £105504.00 to £139882.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant in Haematology job (opens in a new window) [30]

Haematology Co-ordinator

Leeds, LS9 7TF

Salary: £26530.00 to £29114.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Nova Healthcare Apply now on NHS Jobs for Haematology Co-ordinator job (opens in a new window) [31]

Locum Clinical Haematology Consultant

Carlisle, CA2 7HY

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Locum Clinical Haematology Consultant job (opens in <u>a new window)</u> [32]

• Staff Grade in Haematology

Jersey, JE2 3RR

Salary:

£58741.99 to £107243.93

Type:

Permanent Employer: Health and Community Services Apply now on NHS Jobs for Staff Grade in Haematology job (opens in a new

window) [33]

Specialty Dietitian – Haematology/Oncology

Headington, Oxford, OX3 7LE

Salary: £37338.00 to £44962.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Dietitian – Haematology/Oncology job (opens in a new window) [34]

• Locum Consultant In Paediatric Haematology

Leeds, LS1 3EX

Salary: £105504.00 to £139882.00 Type: Locum Employer: Leeds Teaching Hospitals Apply now on NHS Jobs for Locum Consultant In Paediatric Haematology job (opens in a new window) [35]

• Specialty Physiotherapist - Oncology and Haematology

Oxford, OX3 7LE

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Physiotherapist - Oncology and Haematology job (opens in a new window) [36]

• Specialist Clinical Pharmacist (Oncology & Haematology)

London, SE1 2PR

Salary: Negotiable Type: Permanent Employer: HCA Healthcare UK Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialist Clinical Pharmacist (Oncology & Haematology) job (opens in a new window) [37]

Clinical Service Manager - Oncology & Haematology

Taunton, TA1 5DA

Salary:

£53755.00 to £60504.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Somerset NHS Foundation Trust <u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Clinical Service Manager - Oncology & Clinical Ser</u>

Haematology Consultant Specialising in Lymphoma

Haverfordwest, SA61 2PZ

Salary: £106000.00 to £154760.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Hywel Dda University Health Board Apply now on NHS Jobs for Haematology Consultant Specialising in Lymphoma job (opens in a new window) [39]

Somerset Ambulance Doctor Service Sessional Doctor

Taunton, TA1 2LB

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Bank

Employer:

South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust <u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Somerset Ambulance Doctor Service Sessional Doctor</u> job (opens in a new window) [40]

• Senior Clinical Research Fellow in Haematology

London, SE1 9RT

Salary: £61825.00 to £70425.00 Type: Fixed-Term Employer: Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Senior Clinical Research Fellow in Haematology job (opens in a new window) [41]

Consultant Clinical Oncologist – Haematological Oncology & Thyroid

London, NW1 2PG

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant Clinical Oncologist – Haematological Oncology & Thyroid job (opens in a new window) [42]

Consultant Pharmacist Haematology-oncology and ATMPs

London, SE5 9RS Salary: £82462.00 to £93773.00 Type: Permanent Employer: King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant Pharmacist Haematology-oncology and ATMPs job (opens in a new window) [43]

Training Programme Director for Haematology (East)

Leicestershire, LE3 8RA

Salary:

Negotiable Type: Secondment Employer: NHS England Apply now on NHS Jobs for Training Programme Director for Haematology (East) job (opens in a new window) [44]

Haematology Locum Consultant Specialising in Lymphoma

Haverfordwest, SA61 2PZ

Salary:

£116600.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Hywel Dda University Health Board Apply now on NHS Jobs for Haematology Locum Consultant Specialising in Lymphoma job (opens in a new window) [45]

PCAS Doctor

Kent & Sussex, TN240GP Salary: £110240.00 to £110240.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Integrated Care 24 Ltd

Specialty Doctor

Salford, M6 7WQ Salary: £82000.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Cygnet Health Care Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor job (opens in a new window) [47]

• Specialty Doctor

Leeds, LS9 7BE

Salary:

£59175.00 to £95400.00

Type:

Permanent Employer:

Leeds and York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor job (opens in a new window) [48]

• ENT Doctor

Sheffield, S9 1XH Salary: £550.00 Type: Permanent Employer: CHEC Apply now on NHS Jobs for ENT Doctor job (opens in a new window) [49]

Specialty Doctor

Sidcup, DA14 6LT Salary: £59175.00 to £95400.00 Type: Permanent Employer: King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor job (opens in a new window) [50]

Dermatology Doctor

Leicester, LE1 2BU Salary: £550.00 Type: Bank Employer: CHEC Apply now on NHS Jobs for Dermatology Doctor job (opens in a new window) [51]

• ENT Doctor

Leicester, LE1 2BU Salary: £550.00 Type: Permanent Employer: CHEC Apply now on NHS Jobs for ENT Doctor job (opens in a new window) [52]

Dermatology Doctor

Macclesfield, SK11 6HB Salary: £550.00 Type: Permanent Employer: CHEC Apply now on NHS Jobs for Dermatology Doctor job (opens in a new window) [53]

• ENT Doctor

Leeds, LS16 6EB Salary: £550.00 Type: Permanent Employer: CHEC Apply now on NHS Jobs for ENT Doctor job (opens in a new window) [54]

Dermatology Doctor

Sheffield, S9 1XH Salary: £550.00 Type: Permanent Employer: CHEC Apply now on NHS Jobs for Dermatology Doctor job (opens in a new window) [55]

Dermatology Doctor

Milton Keynes , MK11 3LW

Salary: £550.00 Type: Bank Employer: CHEC Apply now on NHS Jobs for Dermatology Doctor job (opens in a new window) [56]

Dermatology Doctor

Leicester, LE1 2BU Salary: £550.00 Type: Permanent Employer: CHEC Apply now on NHS Jobs for Dermatology Doctor job (opens in a new window) [57]

• Specialty Doctor

London, SE5 8UH Salary: £59175.00 to £95400.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor job (opens in a new window) [58]

• Specialty Doctor

Whitechapel, E1 1DN Salary: £90317.14 to £101316.49 Type: Fixed-Term Employer: Change Grow Live Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor job (opens in a new window) [59]

Dermatology Doctor

Leeds, LS16 6EB Salary: £550.00 Type: Permanent Employer: CHEC Apply now on NHS Jobs for Dermatology Doctor job (opens in a new window) [60]

Specialty Doctor

Blackpool, FY3 8NU Salary: £80000.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Cygnet Health Care Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor job (opens in a new window) [61]

• ENT Doctor

Nottingham , NG8 5DQ Salary: £550.00 Type: Permanent Employer: CHEC Apply now on NHS Jobs for ENT Doctor job (opens in a new window) [62]

• Highly Specialist Practitioner Psychologist in Adult Haematology

London, SE1 9RT Salary: £61927.00 to £68676.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Highly Specialist Practitioner Psychologist in Adult Haematology job (opens in a new window) [63]

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 <u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant in General and Red Cell Haematology job</u> (opens in a new window) [64]

• Further information

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

British Society for Haematology [65]

Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians Training Board [66]

Royal College of Pathologists [67]

The Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland [68]

And hear from <u>Dr Tim Littlewood</u> [69] who already works as a haematologist.

Other roles that may interest you

Chemical pathology [70]

- Histopathology (doctor) [71]
- Immunology [72]
- Medical microbiology and virology (doctor) [73]

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