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# **Clinical radiology**

Clinical radiologists use images to diagnose, treat and manage medical conditions and diseases.

Given the importance of imaging to modern medicine, you'll play a vital role in the swift and accurate diagnosis of patients with a wide variety of conditions.

Photo of x-ray

# Life as a clinical radiologist

It'll be your job to examine the anatomy, pathology and clinical history of a patient as well as their previous images to select the most appropriate technique for diagnosis while minimising a patient's exposure to radiation.

You'll form a close-knit team with radiographers and be expected to draw on your experience and expertise to collaborate with and guide colleagues as part of a wider multidisciplinary team.

You'll use a wide range of imaging techniques, including:

- x-ray
- ultrasound
- computed tomography (CT) including multislice scanning
- magnetic resonance imaging (MRI [1])
- positron emission tomography (PET) coupled with CT or MRI [1] to enable enhanced 3D images
- fluoroscopy using real-time x-ray imaging to show internal structures of the body
- molecular imaging CT perfusion, dual-energy CT, optical imaging
- nuclear medicine techniques

You'll work at the forefront of minimally invasive techniques know as interventional radiology. These techniques are designed to reduce the risk of infection and aid recovery times.

You'll perform many interventional techniques, including:

 oesophageal stents – a small flexible tube that is inserted into the oesophagus using imaging to assist the process. This technique is used to treat blockages of the oesophagus

- angioplasty insertion of a balloon or stent to open a narrowed or blocked artery and allow blood to flow more freely
- angiography x-ray of arteries and veins to diagnose blockages and other problems
- biliary drainage and stenting insertion of a stent to open up blocked ducts and allow bile to drain from the liver
- needle biopsy
- treatment of internal bleeding by injecting a clotting substance
- treatment of arteriovenous malformations blood vessel abnormalities that can lead to rupture. A substance is injected that blocks the supply of blood to the affected blood vessels

# How much can I earn?

You'll first earn a salary when you start your <u>foundation training</u> [2] after medical school. Find out details of current salary ranges for foundation and specialty training, <u>SAS doctors</u> [3] and consultants on the <u>'Pay for doctors'</u> [4] 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, and 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'll need to pass an interview and admissions test. You'll 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 different backgrounds and geographical areas, so your educational and economic background and family circumstances could be considered as part of your application.

# "Radiology is an exciting specialty to be a part of, as the technology is constantly developing."

Read Jackie's story [5].

# What are my chances of starting a career in clinical radiology?

There are approximately 3,377 clinical radiologists working in the NHS in England. In 2020, there were 1308 applications for 311 specialty training places.

# How to become a clinical radiologist

After medical school, you'll join the paid two-year foundation programme [6] where you'll work in six placements in different settings.

After your foundation programme, you can apply for paid <u>specialty training</u> [7] to become a clinical radiologist, 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 clinical radiologist can take you

The only sub-specialty available is interventional radiology. However, there are various areas of special interest within clinical radiology which include:

- breast
- cardiac
- gastrointestinal
- head and neck
- musculoskeletal
- neuroradiology
- oncology
- paediatric
- radionuclide (imaging that uses a tiny amount of a radioactive chemical)
- chest
- genitorurinary
- vascular

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#### Consultant Radiologist with interest in Interventional Radiology

London, NW3 2QG

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust <u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant Radiologist with interest in Interventional</u> Radiology job (opens in a new window) [8]

#### • Consultant Radiologist

Yeovil, BA21 4AT Salary: £105504.00 to £139882.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Somerset NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant Radiologist job (opens in a new window) [9]

#### • Consultant Radiologist

Llantrisant, CF72 8XR

Salary: £106000.00 to £154760.00 Type: Permanent Employer:

#### Consultant Radiologist

Woolwich, SE18 4QH

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent Employer:

Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust

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#### • Consultant Radiologist

Swindon, SN3 6BB

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant Radiologist job (opens in a new window) [12]

#### • Consultant Radiologist

Northampton, NN1 5BD Salary: £105504.00 to £139882.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Northampton General Hospital Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant Radiologist job (opens in a new window)

#### Consultant Radiologist

Kings Lynn, PE30 4ET

Salary: £105504.00 to £139882.00 Type: Permanent Employer: The Queen Elizabeth Hospital King's Lynn NHSFT Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant Radiologist job (opens in a new window)

#### Consultant in Clinical Radiology with an Interest in General Radiology

Bournemouth, BH7 7DW

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

University Hospitals Dorset NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant in Clinical Radiology with an Interest in General Radiology job (opens in a new window) [15]

#### • Locum Consultant Radiologist

Isleworth, TW7 6AF

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Locum Consultant Radiologist job (opens in a new window) [16]

#### • Locum Consultant Radiologist

Bridgend, CF31 1RQ

Salary:

£121264.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Locum Consultant Radiologist job (opens in a new window) [17]

#### Consultant - Clinical Radiology Head & Neck and Neuroradiology

Watford, WD18 0HB

Salary: £105504.00 to £139882.00 Type: Permanent Employer: West Hertfordshire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant - Clinical Radiology Head & Neck and Neuroradiology job (opens in a new window) [18]

#### Locum Consultant Radiologist (Interventional)

Carlisle, CA2 7HY

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Locum Consultant Radiologist (Interventional) job (opens in a new window) [19]

#### Consultant Radiologist (Cross-Sectional)

Manchester, M20 4BX

Salary: £105504.00 to £139882.00 Type: Permanent Employer: The Christie NHS FT <u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant Radiologist (Cross-Sectional) job (opens in</u> <u>a new window)</u> [20]

#### Consultant Radiologist - GI Imaging

Slough, SL2 4HL Salary: £105504.00 to £139882.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant Radiologist - GI Imaging job (opens in a new window) [21]

#### • Consultant Diagnostic Radiologist

Liverpool, L9 7LJ

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant Diagnostic Radiologist job (opens in a new window) [22]

#### Consultant Interventional Radiologist

Manchester, M20 4BX

Salary: £105504.00 to £139882.00 Type: Permanent Employer: The Christie NHS FT Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant Interventional Radiologist job (opens in a new window) [23]

#### Consultant Interventional Radiologist

Dorchester, DT1 2JY

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant Interventional Radiologist job (opens in a <u>new window)</u> [24]

#### Consultant Interventional Radiologist

Orpington, BR6 8ND Salary: £105504.00 to £139882.00 Type: Permanent Employer: King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant Interventional Radiologist job (opens in a new window) [25]

#### Consultant Cardiothoracic Radiologist

Tooting, SW17 0QT Salary: £105504.00 to £139882.00 Type: Permanent Employer: St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant Cardiothoracic Radiologist job (opens in a new window) [26]

#### Consultant Radiologist (Chest / Cardiac Imaging)

Rotherham, S60 2UD

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent Employer:

The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust

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#### Consultant Radiologist (Non-Vascular Intervention)

Rotherham, S60 2UD

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant Radiologist (Non-Vascular Intervention) job (opens in a new window) [28]

#### Locum Consultant Paediatric Radiologist

Sheffield, S10 2TH Salary: £105504.00 to £139882.00 Type: Fixed-Term Employer: Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Locum Consultant Paediatric Radiologist job (opens in <u>a new window)</u> [29]

#### Locum Consultant Interventional Radiologist

Stevenage, SG1 4AB Salary: £105504.00 to £139882.00 Type: Fixed-Term Employer: East and North Hertfordshire Teaching NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Locum Consultant Interventional Radiologist job (opens in a new window) [30]

#### Consultant Radiologist (Oncology / Cross-sectional Imaging)

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Rotherham, S60 2UD
Salary:
	£105504.00 to £139882.00
Type:
	Permanent
Employer:
	The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant Radiologist (Oncology / Cross-sectional
Imaging) job (opens in a new window) [31]
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#### Consultant Radiologist, Special interest in GI

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Bradford, BD9 6RJ
Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00
Type:

Permanent
Employer:

Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant Radiologist, Special interest in GI job

(opens in a new window) [32]
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#### Consultant Radiologist - Subspecialist Interest Paediatric Imaging

London, E9 6SR

Salary: £105504.00 to £139882.00 Type: Permanent Employer:

Homerton Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant Radiologist - Subspecialist Interest Paediatric Imaging job (opens in a new window) [33]

#### • Consultant non-Vascular Interventional Radiologist

Middlesbrough, TS4 3BW

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust <u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant non-Vascular Interventional Radiologist job</u> (opens in a new window) [34]

#### Consultant in Interventional Radiology

Birmingham, B66 2QT

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant in Interventional Radiology job (opens in a new window) [35]

#### • Locum Consultant in Radiology

Nuneaton, CV10 7DJ Salary: £105504.00 to £139882.00 Type: Fixed-Term Employer: George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Locum Consultant in Radiology job (opens in a new window) [36]

#### • Consultant in Musculoskeletal Radiology

Bournemouth, BH7 7DW

Salary: £105504.00 to £139882.00 Type: Permanent Employer: University Hospitals Dorset NHS Foundation Trust <u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant in Musculoskeletal Radiology job (opens in</u> <u>a new window)</u> [37]

#### Consultant Radiologist GIGU Body and Interventional Imaging

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 Radiologist GIGU Body and Interventional Imaging job (opens in a new window) [38]

#### Consultant Radiologist with an interest in Breast Imaging

Poole, BH15 2JB

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

University Hospitals Dorset NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant Radiologist with an interest in Breast Imaging job (opens in a new window) [39]

#### Consultant Radiologist with an interest in Breast Imaging

Leicester, LE3 9QP

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant Radiologist with an interest in Breast

Imaging job (opens in a new window) [40]

#### • Consultant Radiologist (with sub-specialism in Nuclear Medicine)

Carlisle, CA2 7HY

Salary: £105504.00 to £139882.00 Type: Permanent

Employer:

North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant Radiologist (with sub-specialism in Nuclear Medicine) job (opens in a new window) [41]

#### • Principal Clinical Scientist, Radiology Physics

Canterbury, CT1 3NG

Salary:

£62215.00 to £72293.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Principal Clinical Scientist, Radiology Physics job (opens in a new window) [42]

#### Locum Consultant Radiologist with an interest in Breast Imaging

Sheffield, S10 2JF

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Locum Consultant Radiologist with an interest in Breast Imaging job (opens in a new window) [43]

#### Consultant in Gastro-Intestinal Radiology with Intervention

Park Royal, NW10 7NS

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

London North West University Healthcare NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant in Gastro-Intestinal Radiology with Intervention job (opens in a new window) [44]

#### Consultant Radiologist with an interest in PET-CT and NM Imaging

Oxford, OX3 7LE

Salary: £105504.00 to £139882.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant Radiologist with an interest in PET-CT and NM Imaging job (opens in a new window) [45]

#### Interventional Radiologist

Canterbury, CT1 3NG

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Interventional Radiologist job (opens in a new window) [46]

#### • Interventional Radiologist

Taunton, TA1 5DA

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Somerset NHS Foundation Trust

<u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Interventional Radiologist job (opens in a new window)</u> [47]

#### Radiology Secretary

Bridgend, CF31 1RQ Salary: £26928.00 to £29551.00 Type: Permanent Employer:

#### Radiology Senior Administrator

Dudley, DY1 2HQ Salary: £24625.00 Type: Permanent Employer: The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Radiology Senior Administrator job (opens in a new window) [49]

#### Reporting Sonographer - Radiology

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Stevenage, SG1 4AB
Salary:
	£46148.00 to £52809.00
Type:
	Permanent
Employer:
	East and North Hertfordshire Teaching NHS Trust
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Reporting Sonographer - Radiology job (opens in a
new window) [50]
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#### • Specialist Doctor in Radiology

# Further information

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

British Society of Interventional Radiology [52]

Royal College of Radiologists [53]

And hear from people working as doctors in clinical radiology:

A career in clinical radiology (RCR) [53]

A career in radiology (BMJ) [54]

A career in interventional radiology (BMJ) [55]

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