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Histopathology (doctor)

Histopathologists study organs, tissues, cells and genetics [1] to help provide a diagnosis.

You'll examine patients' organs and tissues by eye and look at cellular samples under a microscope. You'll also undertake studies to provide diagnostic and prognostic information or determine the cause of death.

Doctor on phone

Life as a histopathology doctor

Most of your time will be spent in a laboratory, working as part of a multidisciplinary team that will include laboratory scientists and doctors from other medical specialties.

You'll need an in-depth knowledge of both clinical and pathological aspects of diseases. You'll assess specimens from patients with cancer and play an integral role in planning their treatment by staging and grading their tumour.

Generally, you will handle specimens in the lab or perform autopsies in the mortuary rather than see patients face to face.

You'll also have responsibility for reporting cancer screening biopsies.

Common procedures include:

- examination and dissection of surgical resection specimens, to select the most appropriate samples for microscope slides
- microscopic examination of tissues, with subsequent construction of clinical reports
- carrying out autopsies

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
- emotional resilience, a calm temperament and the ability to work well under pressure
- teamwork and the capacity to lead multidisciplinary teams, which includes communication and discussion of findings
- · problem-solving and diagnostic skills
- 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.

What are my chances of starting a career in histopathology?

There are approximately 1,253 histopathologists working in the NHS in England. In 2020, there were 261 applications for 97 specialty training places.

How to become a histopathologist

After medical school, you'll join the paid two-year <u>foundation?programme</u> [5]?where you'll work in six placements in different settings.

After?your?foundation programme, you can apply for paid <u>specialty training</u> [6] to become a histopathologist which will take 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 doctor in histopathology can take you

After two years of integrated cellular pathology training, you will either decide to continue in histopathology specialty training or apply for training in one of the three other cellular pathology specialties through a national recruitment process:

- diagnostic neuropathology
- forensic histopathology
- paediatric and perinatal pathology

In the subspecialty of cytopathology, you could develop additional skills in the cellular analysis of body fluids, for example from cervical smears or elsewhere in the body.

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 Training Programme Director for Histopathology & Neuropathology

Leeds/Rotherham/Hull, LS1 4PL

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Secondment

Employer:

NHS England

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Locum Consultant Histopathology

Luton, LU4 0DZ

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Bedfordshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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Secretarial Manager- Histopathology

BIRMINGHAM, B4 6DH

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS Foundation Trust

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Training Programme Director (Deputy) - Histopathology

Cambridge, CB21 5XB

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Secondment

Employer:

NHS England

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Consultant Histopathology -Gynaecological Histology*Welcome bonus £20k

Hull, HU3 2JZ

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant Histopathology -Gynaecological Histology*Welcome bonus £20k job (opens in a new window) [11]

Somerset Ambulance Doctor Service Sessional Doctor

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Taunton, TA1 2LB
  Salary:
       Negotiable
  Type:
       Bank
  Employer:
       South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust
  Apply now on NHS Jobs for Somerset Ambulance Doctor Service Sessional Doctor
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Dermatology Doctor
  Macclesfield, SK116HB
  Salary:
       Negotiable
  Type:
       Bank
  Employer:
       CHEC
  Apply now on NHS Jobs for Dermatology Doctor job (opens in a new window) [13]

    ENT Doctor

  Leeds, LS16 6EB
  Salary:
       Negotiable
  Type:
       Bank
  Employer:
       CHEC
  Apply now on NHS Jobs for ENT Doctor job (opens in a new window) [14]

    ENT Doctor

  Swindon, SN3 3RB
  Salary:
       Negotiable
  Type:
       Bank
  Employer:
  Apply now on NHS Jobs for ENT Doctor job (opens in a new window) [15]
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Dermatology Doctor

Milton Keynes, MK11 3LW

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Bank

Employer:

CHEC

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PCAS Doctor

Kent & Sussex, TN240GP

Salary:

£110240.00 to £110240.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Integrated Care 24 Ltd

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Specialty Doctor

Leeds, LS9 7BE

Salary:

£59175.00 to £95400.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Leeds and York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

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Specialty Doctor

Salford, M6 7WQ

Salary:

£82000.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Cygnet Health Care

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Dermatology Doctor

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Sheffield, S9 1XH
 Salary:
       Negotiable
 Type:
       Bank
 Employer:
       CHEC
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ENT Doctor
 Bedford, MK42 0GS
 Salary:
       Negotiable
 Type:
       Bank
 Employer:
       CHEC
 Apply now on NHS Jobs for ENT Doctor job (opens in a new window) [21]
Dermatology Doctor
 Greater London, SE14 6BL
 Salary:
       Negotiable
 Type:
       Bank
 Employer:
       CHEC
 Apply now on NHS Jobs for Dermatology Doctor job (opens in a new window) [22]
Dermatology Doctor
 Leicester, LE1 2BU
 Salary:
       £550.00
 Type:
       Bank
 Employer:
       CHEC
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Specialty Doctor

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Sidcup, DA14 6LT

Salary:
£59175.00 to £95400.00

Type:
Permanent

Employer:
King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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Dermatology Doctor

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Leicester, LE1 2BU

Salary:
£550.00

Type:
Bank

Employer:
CHEC

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ENT Doctor

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Nottingham, NG8 5DQ

Salary:
    Negotiable

Type:
    Bank

Employer:
    CHEC
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Dermatology Doctor

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Slough, SL1 2EJ

Salary:
Negotiable

Type:
Bank

Employer:
CHEC

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Specialty Doctor

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London, SE5 8UH

Salary:
£59175.00 to £95400.00

Type:
Permanent

Employer:
Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust
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Dermatology Doctor

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Leicester, LE1 2BU
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Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

CHEC

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Dermatology Doctor job (opens in a new window) [29]

Dermatology Doctor

Leicester, LE1 2BU

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Bank

Employer:

CHEC

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Dermatology Doctor job (opens in a new window) [30]

Dermatology Doctor

Swindon, SN1 1GW

Salary:

£550.00

Type:

Bank

Employer:

CHEC

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Dermatology Doctor job (opens in a new window) [31]

Specialty Doctor

Whitechapel, E1 1DN

Salary:

£90317.14 to £101316.49

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

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Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor job (opens in a new window) [32]

Dermatology Doctor

Milton Keynes, MK11 3LW

Salary:

£550.00

Type:

Bank

Employer:

CHEC

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Dermatology Doctor

Swindon, SN3 3RB

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Bank

Employer:

CHEC

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Dermatology Doctor job (opens in a new window) [34]

Specialty Doctor in Cardiology

Preston, PR2 9HT

Salary:

£59175.00 to £95400.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor in Cardiology job (opens in a new window) [35]

Specialist Doctor in Dermatology

Truro, TR1 3LJ

Salary:

£96990.00 to £107155.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialist Doctor in Dermatology job (opens in a new window) [36]

Specialty Doctor in Anaesthetics

Truro, TR13LJ

Salary:

£59175.00 to £95400.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust

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Specialty Doctor in Paediatrics

Carmarthen, SA31 2AF

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Hywel Dda University Health Board

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Specialty Doctor in Anaesthetics

Rotherham, S60 2UD

Salary:

£59175.00 to £95400.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor in Anaesthetics job (opens in a new window) [39]

Specialty Doctor in Frailty

Gorleston, NR31 6LA

Salary:

£59175.00 to £95400.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

James Paget University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor in Frailty job (opens in a new window)

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Specialty Doctor in Frailty

Gorleston, NR31 6LA

Salary:

£59175.00 to £95400.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

James Paget University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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Locally Employed Doctor in Anaesthesia

Torquay, TQ2 7AA

Salary:

£55329.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Locally Employed Doctor in Anaesthesia job (opens in a new window) [41]

Specialty Doctor in Palliative Medicine

Basingstoke, RG24 9NB

Salary:

£53581.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

St Michael's Hospice (North Hampshire)

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Specialty Doctor in Palliative Care

Taunton, TA1 5DA

Salary:

£59175.00 to £95400.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Somerset NHS Foundation Trust

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Trust Doctor in Thoracic Surgery

Leeds, LS9 7TF

Salary:

£61825.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Leeds Teaching Hospitals

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Specialty Doctor in Women's Services

Wakefield, WF1 4DG

Salary:

£59175.00 to £95400.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

The Mid Yorkshire Teaching NHS Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor in Women's Services job (opens in a new window) [45]

StR Higher Doctor in Neurosurgery

Plymouth, PL6 8DH

Salary:

£61825.00 to £70425.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust

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Specialty Doctor in ENT (Otolaryngology)

Huddersfield, HD3 3EA

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust

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Speciality Doctor in Emergency Medicine

Chesterfield, S44 5BL

Salary:

£59175.00 to £95400.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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Specialty Doctor in Community Paediatrics

Rotherham, S60 2UD

Salary:

£59175.00 to £95400.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor in Community Paediatrics job (opens in a new window) [49]

Specialty Doctor in Palliative Medicine

Manchester, M280FE

Salary:

£59175.00 to £75998.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

St Ann's Hospice

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Trust Doctor in Gynaecological Oncology

Guildford, GU2 7XX

Salary:

£42008.00 to £49909.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Royal Surrey NHS Foundation Trust

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Specialty Doctor in Obstetrics & Gynaecology

Ormskirk, L39 2AZ

Salary:

£59175.00 to £95400.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor in Obstetrics & Gynaecology job

(opens in a new window) [52]

Resident Doctor PICU

London, W1W 5AH

Salary:

£80000.00 to £98000.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

HCA Healthcare UK

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Specialist Doctor D2A

Burslem, ST67AG

Salary:

£96990.00 to £107155.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialist Doctor D2A job (opens in a new window) [54]

Specialty Doctor, Gastroenterology

Carlisle, CA2 7HY

Salary:

£59175.00 to £95400.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust

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Bank Resident Doctor

Nottingham, NG12 4GA

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Bank

Employer:

Spire Healthcare Ltd

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Specialty Doctor MHSOP

Penarth, CF64 2XX

Salary:

£59727.00 to £95400.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor MHSOP job (opens in a new window)

[57]

Specialist Doctor, Respiratory

Watford, WD18 0HB

Salary:

£96990.00 to £107155.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

West Hertfordshire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

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Resident Doctor Oncology

London, W1G 8BJ

Salary:

£70000.00 to £80000.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

HCA Healthcare UK

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Resident Doctor Oncology job (opens in a new window) [59]

Further information

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

Association for Clinical Genetic Science [60]

British Academy of Forensic Sciences [61]

Royal College of Pathologists [62]

The Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland [63]

And hear from people working as a doctor in histopathology:

Phil da Forno, histopathologist explaining why histopathology appealed to them (The Foundation Programme) [64]

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