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- **Clinical radiology** <sup>[1]</sup>

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

### Training and qualifications required

Training usually starts with a five year first degree in medicine, two year foundation doctor training. five-six year specialist training (ST1-6). This period of training will include your royal college exams. Length of training can vary according to your circumstances.

### Expected working hours and salary range

Doctors may work up to 48 hours a week. The working hours may sometimes extend beyond the normal working day including early mornings, evenings, weekends and on call. The basic salary ranges from £29,384 to £34,012. Once you start your specialty training as a clinical radiologist employed by the NHS, you can expect to earn a salary of at least £40,257, which can increase to between £84,559 and £114,003 as a consultant.

### Desirable skills and values

You'll need excellent communication skills to manage a wide range of relationships with colleagues, and patients and their families. You'll be emotionally resilient, have excellent problem-solving and diagnostic skills and work well in teams and under pressure. You'll also be very organised for the benefit of patients.

### Prospects

There are approximately 3,377 clinical radiologists working in the NHS in England. In 2020, there were 1308 applications for 311 specialty training places. You could specialise in interventional radiology or develop an interest in breast, gastrointestinal, musculoskeletal, oncology, paediatric or vascular radiology.

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