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Clinical radiology [1]

Clinical radiologists are doctors who use images to diagnose, treat and manage medical conditions and diseases. Clinical radiologists work as part of a close-knit team with radiographers. They also collaborate closely with other doctors and staff from a wide range of medical specialties, and offer specialist expertise and guidance.

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 to include early mornings, evenings and weekends, on-call possible. Pay scales (2017): Consultants earn between ?76,761 and ?103,490.

Desirable skills and values

This role requires an analytical mind an eye for detail and good observational skills. You'll have a keen interest in anatomy, physiology and pathology, as well as a good understanding of general medicine and surgery and good clinical knowledge across all specialties. You'll also have good team-working and communication skills.

Prospects

Competition for specialist training places is high. In 2014 the ratio of applicants to places was 3.5:1. There is good demand for consultant radiologists and there are 2795 radiologists working at consultant level in 2016. Around one third of consultant radiologists are women and this figure is set to rise as 42% of current trainees are women.

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