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• Urology ^[1]

Urologists (also known as urological surgeons) treat problems of the female urinary system and the male genitourinary tract.

Training and qualifications required

Training usually starts with a five year first degree in medicine and two years foundation training. You'll then do two years of core training (CT1–2), followed by five years of specialist training (ST3-7). This period of training will include completing your royal college exams. Length of training can vary according to your circumstances.

Expected working hours and salary range

Working hours should not exceed 48 hours a week. The working hours may sometimes extend beyond the normal working day including early mornings, evenings and weekends. You'll also need to be on call. The basic salary ranges from £29,384 to £34,012. Once you start your specialty training as a urologist 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 and be emotionally resilient, have a calm temperament and the ability to work well under pressure. You'll have the capacity to lead multidisciplinary teams and have excellent problem-solving and diagnostic skills. As a urological surgeon, you'll have: a high degree of manual dexterity; superb hand-eye co-ordination; excellent vision; visuospatial awareness and the physical stamina to cope with the demands of surgery.

Prospects

There are approximately 999 urologists working in the NHS in England. In 2020, there were 146 applications for 64 specialty training posts. You could specialise in: prostate, bladder and kidney conditions; prostate, bladder, kidney, testicular and penile cancer; repair of the female lower urinary tract; or paediatric urology.

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