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Paediatrics ^[1]

Paediatrics is the area of medicine that manages medical conditions affecting infants, children and young people.

Training and qualifications required

Training usually starts with a five year first degree in medicine. 2 year foundation doctor training, 8 year specialist training (ST1-8). 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 highly likely. Pay scales (2017): Consultants earn between £76,761 and £103,490.

Desirable skills and values

For this role you'll enjoy working with children and their families whilst having an excellent sense of humour. Your role will require you to be a good diagnostician who is emotionally resilient and has the patience and sensitivity to manage critical illness or disability in infants and children. You will also enjoy and work well in a team.

Prospects

There are 2,989 consultants in paediatrics in England in 2016. Opportunities exist for research and teaching.

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