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- **Nuclear medicine** ^[1]

Nuclear medicine doctors use radioactive substances to examine the physiological processes in diseases. This can help with the diagnosis and treatment of life-threatening or chronic conditions.

Training and qualifications required

Training usually starts with a five year first degree in medicine. 2 years foundation doctor training, 2 years core training (CT1-2), followed by 6 years specialists training (ST3-8). 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 unlikely. Pay scales (2017): Consultants earn between £76,761 and £103,490.

Desirable skills and values

For this role you will have good observational skills, enjoy problem-solving, and have good IT skills. You'll have the ability to make an accurate recording of your results, and have an interest in physics, mathematics, chemistry, physiology, self-development and self-improvement. You'll be a good communicator and have excellent team working skills to support your role.

Prospects

There are 49 consultants in nuclear medicine in England in 2016. Opportunities exist for research and teaching.

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