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## Cardiology [1]

Cardiologists are doctors who diagnose, assess and treat patients with diseases and defects of the heart and blood vessels (the cardiovascular [2] system).

### Training and qualifications required

Training usually starts with a five year first degree in medicine. Then there's two years foundation doctor training, two years core training (CT1-CT2), followed by five years specialists training (ST3-ST7). 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

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

This role requires that you are self-motivated and that you take the initiative in highly pressurised and emotive situations. You'll be able to make decisions during difficult situations. You'll be confident in referring cases. A high energy level, as well as good communication, team working and leadership skills are important. You'll also have an interest in the cardiovascular system and effective therapy.

### Prospects

There are 1,189 consultants in cardiology in England in 2016. Opportunities exist for research and teaching.

### Related roles

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- Renal medicine [4]

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[1] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/doctors/roles-doctors/medicine/cardiology>

[2] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/glossary#Cardiovascular>

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