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Genitourinary medicine [1]

Doctors in genitourinary medicine (GUM) diagnose and treat sexually transmitted infections (STIs), including HIV.

Training and qualifications required

Training usually starts with a five year first degree in medicine (MBBS), 2 years foundation doctor training, 2 years core training (CT1-2), followed by 4 years specialty training (ST3-6). 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

For this role you'll need to have great communication skills. You will also need to be able to work well in a team and have good leadership skills as these are essential to your role. This role will require you to be open-minded, sensitive, non-judgemental and have an holistic approach to patient care.

Prospects

There are 286 consultants in genitourinary medicine in England in 2016. Opportunities exist for research and teaching.

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