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• Endocrinology and diabetes ^[1]

Endocrinologists and diabetologists investigate, diagnose and treat disorders of the endocrine system ^[2].

Training and qualifications required

Training usually starts with a five years first degree in medicine. Then there's two years foundation doctor training, two years core training (CT1-2), followed by four years specialists training (ST3-6). Five years specialist training (ST3-7) would only need to be completed for dual CCT in Acute Internal Medicine or General Internal Medicine. 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, weekends and on call. The basic salary ranges from £29,384 to £34,012. Once you start your specialty training as a endocrinologist or diabetologist 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 to manage a wide range of relationships with colleagues, and patients and their families. You'll be emotionally resilient, have excellent problem-solving and diagnostic skills and work well in teams and under pressure. You'll also be very organised for the benefit of patients.

Prospects

There are approximately 791 endocrinologists and diabetologists working in the NHS in England. In 2020, there were 325 applications for 74 training places. You could specialise, for example in diabetes in pregnancy, diabetic renal disease, diabetic eye disease, thyroid problems, lipid disorders, gender identity services, bariatric medicine or neuroendocrine tumours.

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