Genitourinary medicine

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

Your role is to detect and manage, prevent and control STIs, and manage a number of non-infectious genital conditions such as dermatoses.

Life as a doctor in genitourinary medicine

Your role is mostly outpatient or clinic based. As a trainee, you’ll be expected to conduct a minimum number of HIV outpatient clinics per week and once you’re a specialist, you’ll see 10–20 clinic patients over a two-day period.

Your time spent in hospital will be on wards caring for HIV patients. You’ll participate in ward rounds and consult with other doctors and nurses. HIV patients often have complex medical problems as well as various psychological challenges.

Most of your patients will be young adults from a broad cultural and social mix and represent
all sexual orientations. Otherwise, the majority of your patients will be fit and healthy.

Bacterial STIs are curable and, while some viral STIs cannot be cured, they can be managed successfully.

You'll find that most patients are extremely grateful for your diagnosis, treatment and advice, for example on how to communicate with sexual partners. The focus on access, education and care can make your role particularly satisfying.

You'll see patients with a range of STIs including:

- chlamydia
- genital herpes
- genital warts
- gonorrhoea
- syphilis
- HIV
- vaginal infections
- pelvic infection and inflammation
- genital infestations such as scabies and pubic lice

Common procedures and interventions include:

- a sexual screen which may include an examination to take genital microbiological samples
- treatment with the use of specific antimicrobials (agents that kill or inhibit the growth of micro-organisms)
- outpatient minor surgical procedures such as cryocautery (a procedure that uses very high temperatures to treat the female genital tract)
- light microscopy and dark ground microscopy (where the field around the specimen is dark)
- skin biopsies and the insertion and removal of contraceptive devices including contraceptive implants and intra-uterine devices (IUDs)

**How much can I earn?**

You'll first earn a salary when you start your foundation training after medical school. The basic salary ranges from £29,384 to £34,012. Once you start your specialty training as a doctor in genitourinary medicine 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.

**How about the benefits?**

- make a difference
- flexible and part-time working
- high income early in your career
- work anywhere in the world
- excellent pension scheme
- good holiday entitlement
Must-have skills

- excellent communication skills to manage a wide range of relationships with colleagues, and patients and their families
- emotional resilience, a calm temperament and the ability to work well under pressure
- teamwork and the capacity to lead multidisciplinary teams
- problem-solving and diagnostic skills
- outstanding organisational ability and effective decision-making skills
- first-class time and resource management for the benefit of patients

In addition, doctors in genitourinary medicine need to demonstrate:

- an open-minded, sensitive, non-judgemental approach
- tolerance of all patients regardless of age, race, gender or sexuality
- a holistic approach to patient care

Entry requirements

Your first step is medical school. Typically, you’ll need excellent GCSEs and three A or A* passes at A level including chemistry for a five-year undergraduate degree in medicine. Many medical schools also ask for biology and others may require maths or physics.

If you already have a degree, you could study for a four-year postgraduate degree in medicine.

You’ll need to pass an interview and admissions test. You’ll be asked to show how you demonstrate the NHS values such as compassion and respect.

Some medical schools look to recruit a mix of students from different backgrounds and geographical areas, so your educational and economic background and family circumstances could be considered as part of your application.

What are my chances of starting a career in genitourinary medicine?

In 2021, there were 227 consultants in genitourinary medicine in the NHS in England. In addition, there were 30 applications for 38 training places.

How to become a doctor in genitourinary medicine

After medical school, you’ll join the paid two-year foundation programme where you’ll work in six placements in different settings.

After your foundation programme, you can apply for paid specialty training to become a doctor in genitourinary medicine, which will take a minimum of seven years.

You may be able to train part time, for example for health reasons or if you have family or
caring responsibilities.

Where a career as a doctor in genitourinary medicine can take you

You could:

- specialise or conduct research
- teach medical students or postgraduate students in training
- get involved in research at universities, the NHS or private sector

Live vacancies

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Consultant in Genitourinary Medicine

Chester, CH1 4DS

Salary: £88364.00 to £119133.00
Type: Permanent
Employer: HCRG Care Group

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant in Genitourinary Medicine job (opens in a new window)

Emergency Medicine Doctor

London, SE5 9RS
Isleworth, TW7 6AF
Beckenham, BR3 3QL
Orpington, BR6 8ND

Salary: £105000.00 to £130000.00
Specialty Doctor, Acute Medicine

Watford, WD18 0HB

Salary: £51000.00 to £80000.00
Type: Permanent
Employer: West Hertfordshire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor, Acute Medicine job (opens in a new window)

Specialty Doctor Gastro Medicine

Stoke on Trent/Stafford, ST4 6QG

Salary: £51000.00 to £80000.00
Type: Fixed-Term
Employer: University Hospital of North Midlands NHS Trust
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor Gastro Medicine job (opens in a new window)

Specialty Doctor in Palliative Medicine

Ashton under Lyne, OL6 6SL

Salary: £51000.00 to £80000.00
Type: Permanent
Employer: Willow Wood Hospice
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor in Palliative Medicine job (opens in a new window)

Hospice Speciality Doctor (Palliative Medicine)
Pontefract, WF8 4BG

Salary: £25800.00 to £42000.00
Type: Permanent
Employer: The Prince Of Wales Hospice
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Hospice Speciality Doctor (Palliative Medicine) job (opens in a new window) [10]

Hospice Doctor in Palliative Medicine

Wakefield, WF1 4TS

Salary: Negotiable
Type: Fixed-Term
Employer: Wakefield Hospice
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Hospice Doctor in Palliative Medicine job (opens in a new window) [11]

Speciality Doctor in Palliative Medicine

Harrow, HA1 3UJ

Salary: £50373.00 to £78759.00
Type: Fixed-Term
Employer: London North West University Healthcare NHS Trust
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Speciality Doctor in Palliative Medicine job (opens in a new window) [12]

Specialty Doctor in Respiratory Medicine

Margate, CT9 4AN

Salary: £51000.00 to £80000.00
Type: Fixed-Term
Employer: East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor in Respiratory Medicine job (opens in a new window) [13]
Specialty Doctor in Geriatric Medicine
Cardiff, CF62 8YH
Salary: £51379.00 to £80331.00
Type: Permanent
Employer: Cardiff and Vale University Health Board
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor in Geriatric Medicine job (opens in a new window) [14]

Speciality Doctor in Emergency Medicine
Gateshead, NE9 6SX
Salary: £51000.00 to £80000.00
Type: Fixed-Term
Employer: Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Speciality Doctor in Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new window) [15]

Specialty Doctor in Neurorehabilitation Medicine
Neath Port Talbot, SA12 7BX
Salary: £51765.00 to £81200.00
Type: Fixed-Term
Employer: Swansea Bay University Health Board
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor in Neurorehabilitation Medicine job (opens in a new window) [16]

Specialty Doctor in Acute Medicine
Hull, HU3 2JZ
Salary: £51000.00 to £80000.00
Type: Permanent
Employer:
Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor in Acute Medicine job (opens in a new window) [17]

Specialty Doctor (MC75), Adult Medicine
Dartford, DA2 8DA
Salary: £50373.00 to £78759.00
Type: Permanent
Employer: Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor (MC75), Adult Medicine job (opens in a new window) [18]

Specialty Doctor in Stroke Medicine
Blackburn, BB2 3HH
Salary: £45124.00 to £77519.00
Type: Fixed-Term
Employer: East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor in Stroke Medicine job (opens in a new window) [19]

Specialty Doctor in Emergency Medicine
Redhill, RH1 5RH
Salary: £51000.00 to £80000.00
Type: Permanent
Employer: Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor in Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new window) [20]

Specialist Doctor in Geriatric Medicine
Redhill, RH1 5RH
Salary: £81500.00 to £92500.00
Type: Fixed-Term
Employer: Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialist Doctor in Geriatric Medicine job (opens in a new window) [21]

Speciality Doctor in Emergency Medicine

Barrow-in-Furness, LA14 4LF

Salary: £50373.00 to £78759.00
Type: Permanent
Employer: University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Trust
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Speciality Doctor in Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new window) [22]

Emergency Medicine Doctor - St Mary’s UTC

London, W2 1NY

Salary: £88.87
Type: Permanent
Employer: Totally
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Emergency Medicine Doctor - St Mary’s UTC job (opens in a new window) [23]

Specialist Doctor in Older Persons Medicine

Portsmouth, PO6 3LY

Salary: £80693.00 to £91584.00
Type: Permanent
Employer: Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialist Doctor in Older Persons Medicine job (opens in a new window) [24]

Speciality Doctor in General Medicine (COTE)
Victoria Road, Macclesfield, SK10 3BL

Salary: £51,000.00 to £80,000.00
Type: Permanent
Employer: East Cheshire NHS Trust
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Speciality Doctor in General Medicine (COTE) job (opens in a new window) [25]

**Specialty Grade Doctor in Transfusion Medicine**

Leicester, LE1 5WW

Salary: £50,373.00 to £78,759.00
Type: Fixed-Term
Employer: University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Grade Doctor in Transfusion Medicine job (opens in a new window) [26]

**Junior Specialist Doctor (Standard) in Emergency Medicine**

Birmingham, B9 5SS

Salary: £40,257.00
Type: Fixed-Term
Employer: University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Junior Specialist Doctor (Standard) in Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new window) [27]

**Specialty Doctor in Palliative Medicine (Maternity Cover)**

Harrow, HA3 0YG

Salary: Negotiable
Type: Fixed-Term
Employer: St Luke's Hospice
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor in Palliative Medicine (Maternity Cover) job (opens in a new window) [28]
Specialty Doctor in Anaesthesia & Intensive Care Medicine

Crewe, CW1 4QJ

Salary: £51000.00 to £80000.00
Type: Permanent
Employer: Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor in Anaesthesia & Intensive Care Medicine job (opens in a new window) [29]

Specialty Doctor in General Internal Medicine (GIM)

Redhill, RH1 5RH

Salary: £51000.00 to £80000.00
Type: Fixed-Term
Employer: Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor in General Internal Medicine (GIM) job (opens in a new window) [30]

Locally Employed Doctor (FY2 equivalent) Emergency Medicine

Aylesbury, HP21 8AL

Salary: £34012.00
Type: Fixed-Term
Employer: Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Locally Employed Doctor (FY2 equivalent) Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new window) [31]

Trust Middle Grade Doctor in Neonatal medicine

Middlesbrough, TS4 3BW

Salary: Negotiable
Type: Fixed-Term
Employer:
South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Trust Middle Grade Doctor in Neonatal medicine job (opens in a new window) [32]

**Specialty Doctor Emergency Medicine Fixed Term Contract**

Orpington, BR6 8ND

Salary: £44555.00 to £81216.00

Type: Fixed-Term

Employer: King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor Emergency Medicine Fixed Term Contract job (opens in a new window) [33]

**Trust Doctor ST4 level in Emergency Medicine**

Carlisle, CA2 7HY

Salary: £51017.00 to £58398.00

Type: Fixed-Term

Employer: North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Trust Doctor ST4 level in Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new window) [34]

**Specialty Doctor - Palliative Medicine - full or part time**

Basingstoke, RG24 9NB

Salary: £51000.00

Type: Permanent

Employer: St Michael's Hospice (North Hampshire)

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor - Palliative Medicine - full or part time job (opens in a new window) [35]

**Junior Specialist Doctors (JSD) - Higher in Geriatric Medicine**

Birmingham, B18 7QH

Salary: £51017.00
Trust Doctor (ST3+ level) in General Medicine / Respiratory

Croydon, CR7 7YE

Salary: £51017.00

Junior Specialist Doctor (Higher) in Emergency Medicine - HGS

Birmingham, B9 5SS
Sutton Coldfield, B75 7RR

Salary: £51017.00

Specialty Doctor in Frailty/Geriatric Emergency Medicine Service

Weston-super-Mare, BS23 4TQ

Salary: £50373.00 to £78759.00

Trust Doctor in Geriatric Medicine Specialising in Frailty (ST1)
Margate, CT9 4AN

Salary:
£40257.00
Type:
Fixed-Term
Employer:
East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Trust Doctor in Geriatric Medicine Specialising in Frailty (ST1) job (opens in a new window) [40]

Junior Specialist Doctor (Higher) in Acute Medicine - Good Hope

Sutton Coldfield, B75 7RR

Salary:
£51017.00
Type:
Fixed-Term
Employer:
University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Junior Specialist Doctor (Higher) in Acute Medicine - Good Hope job (opens in a new window) [41]

Trust Doctor ST4+ in Emergency Medicine with Special Interest

Carlisle, CA2 7HY

Salary:
£51017.00 to £58398.00
Type:
Fixed-Term
Employer:
North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Trust Doctor ST4+ in Emergency Medicine with Special Interest job (opens in a new window) [42]

Specialty Doctor - Palliative Medicine (FTC) - full or part time

Basingstoke, RG24 9NB

Salary:
£40257.00 to £51000.00
Type:
Fixed-Term
Employer:
St Michael's Hospice (North Hampshire)
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor - Palliative Medicine (FTC) - full or part time job (opens in a new window) [43]
Specialty Doctor in Medicine with interest in Diabetes & Endocrinology
Yeovil, BA21 4AT
Salary: £51000.00 to £80000.00
Type: Fixed-Term
Employer: Yeovil District Hospital
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor in Medicine with interest in Diabetes & Endocrinology job (opens in a new window)

Trust Doctor (non-training) Level 1 in General (Internal) Medicine
Dudley, DY1 2HQ
Salary: £33689.00 to £44028.00
Type: Fixed-Term
Employer: The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Trust Doctor (non-training) Level 1 in General (Internal) Medicine job (opens in a new window)

Speciality Doctor
Dorking, RH4 2RA
Salary: Negotiable
Type: Permanent
Employer: Priory Healthcare
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Speciality Doctor job (opens in a new window)

Oncology Doctor
London, W1G 6JA
Salary: £65000.00 to £75000.00
Type: Fixed-Term
Employer:
Specialty Doctor

Gravesend, DA11 7HQ

Salary: 
   Negotiable
Type: 
   Permanent
Employer: 
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Specialty Doctor

London and South East, GU21 2FD

Salary: 
   Negotiable
Type: 
   Permanent
Employer: 
   Cygnet Health Care

Specialty Doctor

South West, BS10 7DP

Salary: 
   Negotiable
Type: 
   Permanent
Employer: 
   Cygnet Health Care

Speciality Doctor

Hassocks, BN6 9LE

Salary: 
   Negotiable
Type: 
   Permanent
Employer: 
   Priory Healthcare

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○ **Specialty Doctor**

Maidstone, ME16 9NT

Salary: £51000.00 to £80000.00
Type: Permanent
Employer: Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor job (opens in a new window) [52]

○ **Specialty Doctor**

Wales, CH7 6FQ

Salary: £88000.00 to £88000.00
Type: Permanent
Employer: Cygnet Health Care
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor job (opens in a new window) [53]

○ **Specialty Doctor**

Runcorn, WA7 6EP

Salary: Negotiable
Type: Permanent
Employer: Halton Haven Hospice
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor job (opens in a new window) [54]

○ **Specialty Doctor**

London and South East, SE10 8AD

Salary: £90000.00 to £90000.00
Type: Permanent
Employer: Cygnet Health Care
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor job (opens in a new window) [55]
SOE Doctor
Slough, SL1 2BJ
Salary: £150.00 to £250.00
Type: Permanent
Employer: G4S
Apply now on NHS Jobs for SOE Doctor job (opens in a new window) [56]

Trust Doctor FY3/ST1 Equivalent (Locally Employed Doctor)
Barrow in Furness, LA14 4LF
Salary: £40257.00
Type: Fixed-Term
Employer: University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Trust
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Trust Doctor FY3/ST1 Equivalent (Locally Employed Doctor) job (opens in a new window) [57]

Specialty Doctor (Innovative)
Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 3XT
Salary: £51000.00 to £80000.00
Type: Permanent
Employer: CNTW NHS Foundation Trust
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor (Innovative) job (opens in a new window) [58]

Specialty Doctor Anaesthetics
Warwick, CV34 4BW
Salary: Negotiable
Type: Permanent
Employer: South Warwickshire University NHS Foundation Trust
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor Anaesthetics job (opens in a new window)
Anaesthetics Specialty Doctor

Barnstaple, EX31 4JB

Salary: £51000.00 to £80000.00
Type: Fixed-Term
Employer: Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Anaesthetics Specialty Doctor job (opens in a new window)

Speciality Doctor Paediatrics

Stafford, ST16 3NE

Salary: £50373.00 to £78759.00
Type: Fixed-Term
Employer: Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Speciality Doctor Paediatrics job (opens in a new window)

ENT Specialty Doctor

Dorchester, DT1 2JY

Salary: £51000.00 to £80000.00
Type: Permanent
Employer: Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for ENT Specialty Doctor job (opens in a new window)

Junior Specialist Doctor

BIRMINGHAM, B14 6RP

Salary: £51017.00
Type: Fixed-Term
Employer:
Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS FT
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Junior Specialist Doctor job (opens in a new window)

Trust Doctor ST3+

Slough, SL2 4HL

Salary: Negotiable
Type: Fixed-Term
Employer: Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Trust Doctor ST3+ job (opens in a new window)

Further information

These organisations have further information about being a doctor in genitourinary medicine, particularly as your career progresses. Take a look.

British Association for Sexual Health and HIV [65]

British HIV Association [66]

The Worshipful Society of Apothecaries of London [67]

Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare [68]

Other roles that may interest you

- Obstetrics and gynaecology [69]
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