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# Gastroenterology

Gastroenterologists diagnose, treat and work to prevent gastrointestinal (stomach and intestines) and hepatological (liver, gallbladder, biliary tree and pancreas) diseases.

Male and female doctors on the ward

## Life as a gastroenterologist

You'll run endoscopy [1] services. You'll be expected to perform upper gastrointestinal (GI) examinations and have the opportunity to train in lower GI as well, procedures such as flexible sigmoidoscopy [2] and colonoscopy [3]. You can complete additional training in hepatobiliary endoscopy [1] (ERCP [4]) or small bowel endoscopy [1], which involves learning wireless capsule endoscopy [1] or enteroscopy.

A typical day may see you perform:

- diagnostic and therapeutic upper and lower gastrointestinal endoscopy
- small bowel endoscopy
- endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP [4]) an endoscopic technique mainly used to diagnose and treat bile duct and pancreatic duct conditions
- endoscopic ultrasound [5] (EUS)
- intestinal and liver biopsy
- paracentesis [6] (puncture of the wall of a cavity using a hollow needle)
- insertion of parenteral nutrition [7] line (intravenous feeding lines)

You'll also plan the aftercare of patients undergoing liver transplant.

You'll manage patients with acute gastroenterological conditions and treat a wide range of GI diseases.

You'll regularly treat conditions such as:

- gastrointestinal bleeding
- gastrointestinal cancer
- anaemia a condition where the haemoglobin the blood (a pigment that carries oxygen) is below normal levels
- inflammatory bowel disease, e.g., Crohn's disease (inflammation of the lining of the digestive system), ulcerative colitis (inflammation and ulceration of the lining of the rectum and colon)

- short bowel syndrome
- jaundice a condition where the skin yellows due to an accumulation of bilirubin in the blood and tissues
- management of alcoholic, viral hepatitis (Inflammation of the liver caused by a virus) and autoimmune liver disorders (where the body attacks its own cells)
- diverticulitis inflammation of the diverticula (small pouches) in the intestine
- · gastroenteritis
- hepatitis

#### How much can I earn?

You'll first earn a salary when you start your <u>foundation training</u> [8] after medical school. Find out details of current salary ranges for foundation and specialty training, <u>SAS doctors</u> [9] and consultants on the Pay for doctors [10] page.

## 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
- NHS discounts in shops and restaurants

## 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

## **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 as a gastroenterologist?

In 2020, there were 373 applications for 79 specialty training places.

## How to become a gastroenterologist

After medical school, you'll join the paid two-year <u>foundation programme</u> [11] where you'll work in six placements in different settings.

After your foundation programme, you can apply for paid <u>specialty training</u> [12] to become a gastroenterologist, 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 gastroenterologist can take you

Your main focus will be hepatology (diseases of the liver) but as your career develops, you'll also be able to specialise in:

- hepatology (diseases of the liver)
- pancreaticobiliary diseases (diseases of the pancreas and biliary system)
- inflammatory bowel disease
- functional bowel disease
- tropical diseases
- gastrointestinal cancer and its prevention
- endoscopic surveillance
- upper GI disease (diseases of the oesophagus and stomach)
- small bowel disease
- pancreatic disease
- transplantation
- medico legal issues in medicine
- clinical pharmacology
- inherited cancer syndromes
- clinical nutrition

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## Consultant Gastroenterologist

Yeovil, BA21 4AT

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Somerset NHS Foundation Trust

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#### Consultant Gastroenterologist

Bradford, BD9 6RJ

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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## Consultant Gastroenterologist

Taunton, TA1 5DA

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Somerset NHS Foundation Trust

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## Consultant Gastroenterologist

Braddan, IM4 4RJ

Salary:

£107327.00 to £185372.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Manx Care

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### Consultant Gastroenterologist

Torquay, TQ2 7AA

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust

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#### Consultant Gastroenterologist

Margate, CT9 4AN

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust

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## Consultant Gastroenterologist

Shepton Mallet, BA4 4LP

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Practice Plus Group

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#### Consultant Gastroenterologist

Gillingham, Kent, ME7 5NY

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Medway NHS Foundation Trust

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#### Locum Consultant Gastroenterologist

Carlisle, CA2 7HY

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust

<u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Locum Consultant Gastroenterologist job (opens in a new window)</u>

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## Consultant Gastroenterologist/Hepatologist

Bradford, BD9 6RJ

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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## Consultant Gastroenterologist (General)

Shrewsbury, SY3 8XQ

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust

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#### Consultant Gastroenterology

Lancaster, LA14 4RP

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Trust

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#### Gastroenterology Consultant

Swindon, SN3 6BB

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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## Receptionist - Gastroenterology

Bath, BA1 3NG

Salary:

£24169.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Receptionist - Gastroenterology job (opens in a new window) [26]

## Gastroenterology Consultant

Barrow-in-Furness, LA14 4LF

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Gastroenterology Consultant job (opens in a new window) [27]

#### Consultant Gastroenterologist/ Colorectal Surgeon

Manchester, M22 4DB

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Beacon Medical Services Group Ltd

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#### Locum Gastroenterology Consultants

Woolwich, SE18 4QH

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust

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## Specialist Dietitian - Gastroenterology

Wrexham, LL13 7TD

Salary:

£37898.00 to £45637.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialist Dietitian - Gastroenterology job (opens in a new window) [30]

## Locum Consultant Gastroenterology

Oxford, OX3 9DU

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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#### Gastroenterology Pathway Coordinator

Newport, NP20 2UB

Salary:

£26928.00 to £29551.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board

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#### Gastroenterology Research Nurse

London, E1 2AJ

Salary:

£44806.00 to £53134.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Barts Health NHS Trust

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## Consultant in Gastroenterology

Bridgend, CF31 1RQ

Salary:

£106000.00 to £154760.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board

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## Consultant in Gastroenterology

London, W12 0HS

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust

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#### Consultant in Gastroenterology

Ipswich, IP4 5PD

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust

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## CESR Gastroenterology Fellow

Nottingham, NG7 2UH

Salary:

£61825.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trusts

Apply now on NHS Jobs for CESR Gastroenterology Fellow job (opens in a new window) [37]

## Consultant in Gastroenterology

Weston Super Mare, BS23 4TQ

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust (UHBW)

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant in Gastroenterology job (opens in a new window) [38]

## Locum Consultant Gastroenterology

Bradford, BD9 6RJ

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Locum

Employer:

Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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#### Specialist Gastroenterology Dietitian

Cosham, PO6 3LY

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust

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#### Locum Consultant in Gastroenterology

Leeds, LS1 3EX

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Locum

Employer:

Leeds Teaching Hospitals

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Locum Consultant in Gastroenterology job (opens in a new window) [41]

## Clinical Nurse Specialist - Gastroenterology

Liverpool, L7 8YE

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Clinical Nurse Specialist - Gastroenterology job (opens in a new window) [42]

#### Clinical Nurse Specialist - Gastroenterology

Liverpool, L7 8YE

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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#### Locum Consultant in Gastroenterology

Rotherham, S60 2UD

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Locum

Employer:

The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Locum Consultant in Gastroenterology job (opens in a new window) [43]

## Locum Consultant in Gastroenterology

Northampton, NN1 5BD

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Northampton General Hospital

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Locum Consultant in Gastroenterology job (opens in a new window) [44]

## Advanced Specialist Pharmacist - Gastroenterology

Shrewsbury, SY3 8XQ

Salary:

£53755.00 to £60504.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Advanced Specialist Pharmacist - Gastroenterology job (opens in a new window) [45]

#### Locum Consultant Gastroenterologist (12 month fixed term)

London, N19 5NF

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Whittington Hospital NHS Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Locum Consultant Gastroenterologist (12 month fixed term) job (opens in a new window) [46]

#### Consultant Gastroenterologist with interest in Neuroendocrine Tumours

Cardiff, CF14 4XW

Salary:

£106000.00 to £154760.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant Gastroenterologist with interest in Neuroendocrine Tumours job (opens in a new window) [47]

## Gastroenterologist with a special interest in IBD

Brighton and Hove / Haywards Health, BN2 5BE

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust (279)

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Gastroenterologist with a special interest in IBD job (opens in a new window) [48]

## Liver Surveillance Administrative Assistant- Gastroenterology

Sutton is Ashfield, NG17 4JL

Salary:

£24625.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Liver Surveillance Administrative AssistantGastroenterology job (opens in a new window) [49]

#### Senior IBD Fellow for Gastroenterology

Exeter, EX2 5DW

Salary:

£61825.00 to £70425.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Senior IBD Fellow for Gastroenterology job (opens in a new window) [50]

#### Senior Clinical Fellow in Gastroenterology

London, NW32QG

Salary:

£61825.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Senior Clinical Fellow in Gastroenterology job (opens in a new window) [51]

## Consultant Gastroenterologist special interest in BCSP and Endoscopy

Basildon, SS16 5NL

Salary:

£105504.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant Gastroenterologist special interest in BCSP and Endoscopy job (opens in a new window) [52]

#### CONSULTANT GASTROENTEROLOGIST WITH A SPECIALIST INTEREST IN IBD

London, E1 1FR

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Barts Health NHS Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for CONSULTANT GASTROENTEROLOGIST WITH A SPECIALIST INTEREST IN IBD job (opens in a new window) [53]

## Consultant in Gastroenterology (Interest in Hepatobiliary Endoscopy)

Wakefield, WF14DG

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

The Mid Yorkshire Teaching NHS Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant in Gastroenterology (Interest in

Hepatobiliary Endoscopy) job (opens in a new window) [54]

# Further information

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

Royal College of Physicians [55]

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh [56]

Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow [57]

British Society of Gastroenterology [58]

And hear from people working as gastroenterologists.

Professor John Hunter, a gastroenterologist (UKFPO) [59]

Specialty registrar in gastroenterology (RCPE) [60]

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