



Academic F2 JOB DESCRIPTION

Research Training with Academic Training Opportunities

4-month rotation (one post)

Oral Medicine

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Outline of the post

Prior to starting the placement

Oral Medicine is a discipline within dentistry which sits at the interface between dentistry and medicine and is concerned with the diagnosis and non-surgical management of patients with chronic, recurrent, and medically related disorders of the oral and maxillofacial region. Traditionally entry to the specialist list required dual qualification with both the GDC and the GMC. However, that is not now the case, although a significant number of Oral Medicine consultants hold dual registration. It has been estimated that approximately 90 per cent of systemic diseases have oral manifestations – be it mouth ulcers in Crohn’s disease, angular cheilitis in iron deficiency or xerostomia in diabetes.

Oral medicine is an out-patient specialty for the most part, with clinics involving referrals from primary dental and medical care. However, increasingly referrals are being received from medical specialties in secondary care, including rheumatology, gastroenterology, dermatology, GU medicine, neurology and psychiatry.

The importance of some dental knowledge by members of the medical profession has been widely acknowledged. Patients with oral complaints frequently consult with their GMP as their first port of call. It is apparent that there is variation in teaching of basic oral anatomy and mucosal conditions to medical students. Without appropriate teaching as medical students, physicians may be otherwise unprepared for patient encounters which involve management of orofacial conditions. Furthermore, a basic knowledge of dentistry by medical practitioners, as much as a basic knowledge of medicine by dentist practitioners, improves communication between the professions and creates a philosophy whereby doctors and dentists work together in the management of a range of orofacial disorders.

Whether you decide to pursue a career in academic medicine or work in primary care, this rotation will provide an invaluable opportunity to gain an understanding of the specialty of Oral Medicine and an invaluable insight into the diagnosis and management of a range of conditions that can affect the oral cavity, some of which are likely to present to you at some stage in your professional career.

Following your successful application, you are invited to visit the Oral Medicine Department in the Dental Hospital/School of Dentistry to discuss the placement with Dr Amanda Willis. This will help with planning a suitable project, teaching, and clinical exposure to the specialty of Oral Medicine.

Generic academic skills

This rotation will provide you with some insight to the role of a clinical academic. You will have opportunities to undertake an appropriate project, attend relevant dental teaching and also be involved in teaching aspects of medicine in its broadest sense to undergraduate and postgraduate dental students. You will also attend outpatient Oral Medicine Clinics and contribute to the activities of the clinical team. This placement is designed to develop your knowledge, skills and aptitudes for academic medicine. It is hoped that the experience would inspire you to consider undertaking further academic activity during your training and perhaps also to contemplate a career as a clinical academic.

Academic component

The placement will commence with a meeting with your supervisor to agree the educational and research objectives for this academic F2 placement. You will receive regular feedback from your supervisors throughout the 4-month attachment. The nature of the post is such that many of the activities can be tailored to your own particular areas of interest.

Research skills

You will undertake a project in a subject area relevant to Oral Medicine. This may be a quality improvement project, a clinical topic, or relate to medical education. There will also be opportunities to undertake literature reviews, scientific writing and critical analysis. You will be strongly encouraged to present your work at an appropriate conference and publication in an appropriate journal.

Teaching skills

You will be able to develop your teaching skills through peer reviewed teaching to undergraduate and postgraduate dental students. You will be expected to attend and occasionally present at the monthly Oral Surgery and Oral Medicine audit meetings and the quarterly Clinicopathological Conference with Pathology.

Clinical component

There will be F2 level clinical feedback, appraisal and assessment as documented in the Foundation Programme Curriculum (www.mmc.nhs.uk). You will have particular opportunities to expand your knowledge of management of conditions affecting the oral and maxillofacial region in an out-patient setting which will provide numerous encounters suitable for recording F2 competencies in mini-CEX

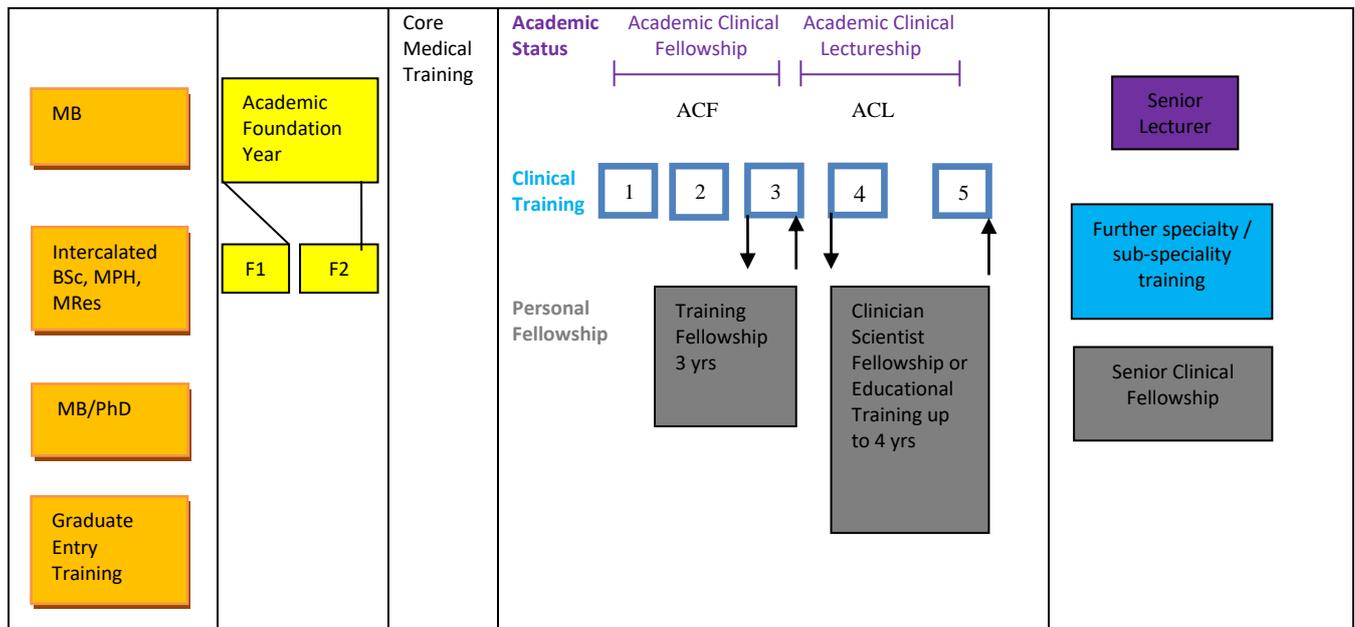
and CBL formats. There will be the opportunity to learn how to undertake oral biopsies and other specialist Oral Medicine procedures, become familiar with prescribing in Oral Medicine and request and interpret special investigations. There will also be opportunities to correspondence with primary and secondary care. You will be encouraged to prepare for postgraduate examinations.

Provisional job plans

These indicative job plans have been designed to introduce the successful candidate to the specialty and practice of Oral Medicine. There will be individualisation of the attachment for trainee's dependent on previous research experience and ultimate career wishes. There will be desk space and a personal computer for use in the unit. Training in library and journal access will be provided in addition to the clinical training on the relevant hospital IT systems pertinent to our practice.

Example Template

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
a.m.	Oral Medicine Clinic	Oral Medicine Clinic	Oral Medicine Clinic	Research	Oral Medicine Clinic
p.m.	Oral Medicine Clinic	Research	Oral Medicine Clinic	Oral Medicine Clinic	Research



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The timings of personal fellowships are indicative – there should be flexibility according to individual career progression

Academic F2 : Academic F2 training posts are for 4 months. This will be with two other rotations one of which will be a General Medicine attachment.

ACF/ACL: Trainees already appointed at ST3 or above are eligible to apply. Trainees who have undertaken postgraduate research (PhD or MD) should have already submitted their thesis or be within three months of submission.

