International Clinical Fellowships and Observerships

World leaders in heart and lung surgery

From Royal Brompton & Harefield Hospitals - London
Our focus is to provide the very best care for patients of all ages with heart and lung disease. This means our consultants and healthcare staff are experts in their chosen field, many having moved here from across the globe, to practice their skills surrounded by the very best in their profession.

With first-class private facilities across two London based NHS teaching hospitals and a state-of-the-art diagnostics centre, we combine dedicated private care with the very best expertise and most advanced facilities available. As such, Royal Brompton and Harefield Hospitals consultants carry out some of the most complicated surgeries in the world and have pioneered medical breakthroughs such as performing the first heart and lung transplant and discovering the first genetic mutation responsible for dilated cardiomyopathy.

The two hospitals comprise the largest postgraduate specialist heart and lung centre in the United Kingdom. Our commitment to training, education and research partnerships with respected institutions such as Imperial College School of Medicine and the National Heart and Lung Institute help us to drive up international standards of medical care, benefiting patients and clinical staff alike. This has established an international reputation for innovation and leadership in research, treatment and education in heart and lung disease.

In this booklet you will find an outline of the range of clinical fellowship programmes, clinical observership programmes as well as training opportunities that we offer to overseas physicians. Fees are applicable to all education and training programmes offered by the Trust. Further information is available upon request.
A world of opportunities

Royal Brompton and Harefield Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust provide a range of programmes designed to share our world-renowned expertise with overseas consultants.

International clinical fellowship and observership programmes

We offer intensive clinical education programmes to overseas physicians wishing to further develop their expertise in certain interventional specialties. Our programmes are designed to help training clinicians integrate into the team so they can maximise their learning outcomes and meet development needs.

The bespoke international programmes are typically tailored to the physician’s level of expertise, their development goals and current available opportunities within the hospitals.

Those who have General Medical Council registration will have access to the clinical fellowship program. Fellowship programmes can range between two to six months.

Applicants without General Medical Council registration will have the opportunity to apply for the clinical observership programme. The duration of this programme can vary depending on the development goals.

Clinical Observerships

The observership programme offers training clinicians the opportunity to take part in observation or practice experiences in clinical care. The programme is tailored to help build the observer’s experience in line with personal learning objectives.

All observerships without General Medical Council registration will require full supervision. When supervised the training observer will be able to:

• Take clinical history under supervision
• Contribute to the examination of a patient and the discussion on diagnosis
• “Scrub up” in theatre. Involvement will strictly by limited to educational purposes only and not for service
• Participate in non-invasive, low risk external imaging

Back home we don’t have such a variety of congenital heart disease cases on the wards, I have only seen textbook examples. This is a chance I never imagined I would have, so thank you Royal Brompton Hospital.

Dr Aliah Khesroh
Clinical Fellowship Program in Adult Congenital Heart Disease
From Kuwait

Mr Valdimir Anikin, Consultant thoracic surgeon
Royal Brompton and Harefield Hospitals clinicians regularly travel internationally to lecture and share their knowledge. Many of them hold prominent positions on international boards, committees, institutions and professional associations.

**Visiting doctor programme**

Our consultants are committed to broadening overseas teams’ clinical knowledge. They actively participate in the Royal Brompton and Harefield Hospitals visiting doctor programme to share their expertise and develop local teams’ clinical skills.

Following an invitation from the local hospital, our consultant will undertake a short visit. During this time, they may be expected to work alongside local consultants, share clinical knowledge, hold outpatient clinics, operate on any appropriate cases, participate in clinical discussions and/or undertake lectures.

**Sharing best practice and collaboration**

Royal Brompton and Harefield Hospitals have a strong interest in helping other hospitals and healthcare providers develop best practice in key clinical areas. Our clinicians would look to transfer knowledge in core clinical operational areas such as operating theatres, catheter labs and intensive care, to lead clinicians in-country, helping the teams achieve best practice and develop their own centres of excellence.

**Interested in any of the programmes or have questions?**

If you would like to discuss any of the specific opportunities or want to find out information about other training programmes we offer, please contact:

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