

# Clinical Oncology Training in Northern Ireland

## Training in Northern Ireland

Breadth and depth of training in all aspects of clinical oncology

In-house teaching programmes on general oncology and radiation oncology

Regular peer-review planning meetings

Opportunities for academic excellence in partnership with Queen's University and CCRB

Opportunities to gain experience in teaching, including diplomas in teaching  
Less than full time training supported



## Why live in Northern Ireland?

**Northern Ireland offers a first class environment for living as well as for training.**

There's an excellent education system, a world-class healthcare service and all manner of very affordable property. Property prices in Northern Ireland remain well below those in other UK locations.

The country may be renowned for its work ethic, but it places equal emphasis on the friendliness of the people and the quality of life.

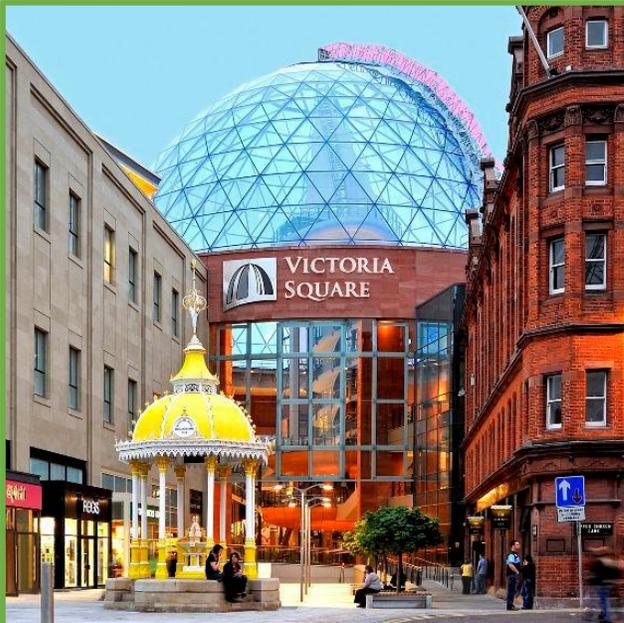
With little congestion, efficient public transport, and an easygoing lifestyle, there are few obstacles to generating a contented and productive workforce, or encouraging the relocation of key managers.

### Leisure and pleasure

You can cross Northern Ireland by car in about two hours – north to south, or east to west – but in between there is a rich variety of scenery, activities, and a host of cultural attractions and leisure opportunities.

Drag yourself away from the office to the great outdoors and you will find dramatic coastlines, castles, mountains, lakes, some of the best golf courses in the world, superb fishing, water sports, walking trails, scenic drives and historical landmarks. Northern Ireland also has many fine restaurants, cinemas, leisure centres and renowned theatres, galleries, arts and entertainment centres, and pubs and clubs. 2012 saw the opening of the new Titanic exhibition centre in Belfast and the new visitors centre at the Giant's Causeway. In 2013 Derry-Londonderry was the inaugural UK City of Culture.

So there is always plenty to see and do – after work, of course!



Above; Shopping in Belfast  
Right: Countryside at the close of day, Giant's Causeway; Titanic Belfast



Above; CS Lewis garden at Belfast, Belfast centre



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- You will train primarily in the purpose built Northern Ireland Cancer Centre on the Belfast City site. This has easy access by road, with staff parking and a train station on site.
- The department uses all aspects of radiotherapy with a strong emphasis on developing and continually improving care. Brachytherapy, Molecular radiotherapy ( e.g. radium 223), Arc therapies and IMRT, and stereotactic therapy ( for lung and CNS) are all standard of care.
- Systemic therapies are provided on site and at the cancer units.
- Dedicated quality improvement and audit, governance and management meetings provide opportunities for team based learning
- Rotations through the new NW Cancer Centre in Altnagelvin and the unit day case chemotherapy practices at Antrim, Craigavon and Ulster hospitals connect the full cancer network of Northern Ireland



We have strong links with the research community at Queens University and translational work via the Centre for Cancer Research and Cell Biology. Routes to MDs and PhDs are encouraged. We strongly encourage our trainees to present at national and international meetings. Clinical trials are part of our ethos and desire to improve.

<http://www.qub.ac.uk/Discover/About-Queens/Leadership-and-structure/Faculties-and-Schools/Medicine-and-Health-Sciences/News/AWORLDSTRIAL.html>

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Above; Northern Ireland Cancer Centre  
Quality in Care Award for Radiotherapy Department