



Clinical Oncology Training in the Severn Deanery, South West

Reasons to choose Severn Deanery for your Clinical Oncology Training

Clinical training

- All training in the Severn Deanery is structured around the Royal College of Radiologists recommendations and curriculum.
- Clinic and ward based duties develop your skills in chemotherapy and radiotherapy assessment. MDT attendance during all rotations.
- Trials involvement at all three sites.
- Structured small group teaching from radiographer and physics planners to help guide and develop radiotherapy planning skills and experience.
- Consultant support and regular one to one review of radiotherapy plans provides excellent training opportunities. This encourages and consolidates understanding of radiotherapy treatment appropriate for varied levels of training.

Academic Training

- A number of recent trainees have completed or are currently undertaking PhDs.
- Fellowships have been encouraged – both in the UK and abroad. Recent fellowships taken in Wales and Vancouver, Canada. One trainee undertook an OOPPE in Uganda for 6 months last year.
- Guidance on structured educational courses to prepare for Part 1 and 2 FRCR examinations built into the training.

Severn Training Scheme

- Training rotates between three sites – Bristol, Bath and Cheltenham. All of which are commutable from one location, with a positive impact on work life balance.
- Majority of training is in Bristol, at least one year in Cheltenham and six months in Bath. Rotating allows trainees to gain experience in different sized centres and see different management styles.
- Experience with different radiotherapy treatments across the region. Gamma Knife Radiosurgery, Stereotactic Ablative Body Radiotherapy (SABR), Image Guided Brachytherapy (IGBT) and Kilovoltage superficial treatments.
- Registrar lead journal club, palliative radiotherapy teaching sessions and structured monthly consultant teaching. There are also regular social events!
- Quality Review panel discussions over the last few years have lead our Consultant body to implement positive changes to our training. We have a dynamic and expanding in house teaching schedule. Our Regional Training Days with South Wales and Peninsula are well established.

About life in the South West, Severn

- It's a beautiful area with something for everyone, from outdoor activities as energetic or low key as you want.
- The culture is varied with theatres, comedy clubs, restaurants and good shopping.
- Excellent rail links to London and the M4 and M5 motorways allow easy access to Wales and the Southwest coastline – beaches, cycling and surfing all an option!
- Not to mention the Georgian style Bath Christmas Market, Cheltenham Races and Glastonbury (with its infamous festival) not far away.

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