Candidate Information

Position:	Clinical Fellow in Prostate Cancer
School/Department:	Patrick G Johnston Centre for Cancer Research
Reference:	25/112454
Closing Date:	Monday 31 March 2025
Salary:	£38,780-£50,903 per annum
Anticipated Interview Date:	Monday 14 April 2025
Duration:	1 year

JOB PURPOSE:

This is a fixed-term twelve month Clinical Fellow post within the Prostate Cancer Centre of Excellence (ProEx) at Queen's University Belfast (QUB)/Belfast Health and Social Care Trust aimed at senior trainee in oncology with an interest in gaining specialist experience in the management of prostate cancer in an academic environment.

The focus of the role will be supporting the work of the academic prostate cancer team at the Northern Ireland Cancer Centre, and depending on the post-holder's experience, will include a combination of outpatient clinics including SACT clinics, limited inpatient duties, brachytherapy sessions, radiotherapy planning, and academic clinical and translational research commitments. The Clinical supervision will be provided by the academic consultant prostate cancer consultants. The Fellow will be a valued member of the multidisciplinary team, working with the clinical trials centre, medical physicists, clinical nurse specialists and advanced practice radiographers. The Fellow will have the opportunity to gain experience in stereotactic radiotherapy, radioligand therapy, brachytherapy, clinical trials, translational research, and advanced systemic therapy in prostate cancer.

MAJOR DUTIES:

1. To contribute to the delivery of a high quality clinical service (under consultant supervision). The clinical responsibilities will be for patients with prostate cancer and those referred or receiving treatment as part of a clinical trial. This includes outpatient clinics, inpatient care (limited duties), systemic anti-cancer therapy clinics and team meetings.
2. To gain high level experience in the management of patients with prostate cancer including management of treatment-related complications.
3. To work effectively as part of the multidisciplinary team including supervision of foundation/core medical trainees.
4. To contribute to clinical governance processes including working with other specialty trainees to lead and deliver service evaluation and quality improvement projects.
5. To contribute to the research activities of relevant groups in QUB and BHSCT to gain experience in translational and clinical research and develop research output for presentation and publication.
6. To gain experience in screening, obtaining informed consent and assessing and managing adverse events in clinical trial patients.
7. To contribute to trial set-up activities including assessment of local capacity and capability.
8. To gain experience in regulatory approval, pharmacovigilance and trial oversight processes.
9. To develop skills in translational and clinical trial protocol development and academic writing.
10. The balance of clinical and other research activities will depend on the post-holder's previous experience and research interests.
11. To contribute to teaching and educational activities commensurate with those undertaken by specialty trainees.
12. To develop collaborative relationships with colleagues in non-clinical disciplines including basic scientific and translational researchers.
13. To liaise with team members to facilitate timely collection and transfer of patient samples.
14. To develop and maintain full written and electronic records.
15. To collaborate with patient and public representatives in development of research proposals.

16. To perform clinical and research activities in accordance with relevant organisational policies and legislation including Good Clinical Practice and the Data Protection Act.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. MBBS or equivalent.
2. Full (or eligible for full) GMC registration (must be obtained within 6 months of interview date).
3. Completion of CMT2 or equivalent training and be at any stage of training in medical or clinical oncology.
4. Broad-based knowledge of general medicine.
5. Experience in medical or clinical oncology to include some understanding of management of common cancers and treatment modalities.
6. Experience of clinical audit or quality improvement.
7. Excellent organisational skills.
8. Good computer literacy/IT skills.
9. Good presentation and written communication skills.
10. Good verbal communication skills.
11. Ability to communicate complex information clearly.
12. Ability to build contacts and participate in internal and external networks.
13. Ability to prioritise/schedule activities and to work without supervision where appropriate.
14. Self-motivated and demonstrates drive for high quality standards.
15. Good team working skills.
16. Demonstrable intellectual ability.
17. Appointment to this post is subject to the successful candidate's Enhanced Criminal Record Check.
18. Ability to travel to present data or liaise with collaborators.
19. Effective and clear communication skills.
20. Problem solving and decision making skills.
21. Have empathy and sympathy.
22. Ability to show leadership, make decisions, organise and motivate other team members for the benefit of patients.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

1. Completed FRCR (or equivalent).
2. Demonstrable competency in SACT prescription.
3. Demonstrable competency in radiotherapy planning.
4. Experience in the use of electronic prescribing systems.
5. Clinical Research Experience.
6. Evidence of peer reviewed presentation and/or publication.
7. Experience of university level teaching and positive evaluation.
8. Ability to contribute to broader management and administrative processes.
9. Clarity of thinking and ability to address a variety of research topics.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Informal inquiries may be directed to: Aidan Cole at a.cole@qub.ac.uk