



BARIATRIC AND METABOLIC SURGERY FELLOWSHIPS 2012

Applications are invited for Fellowships in Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery at North Tyneside, Sunderland, Luton, Imperial, UCH London and Taunton. Fellowships will run for a period of up to 12 months and will commence in April 2012 and October 2012.

Up to **twelve fellowships** may be awarded. Fellowships may last 12 months.

1. North Tyneside hospital, Northumbria. Mr Sean Woodcock, MS FRCS

North Tyneside Hospital is the hub of all bariatric activity north of the Tyne in England. Our catchment area is as far West as Cumbria, The Scottish borders to the North and includes the whole of Northumberland, Newcastle and North Tyneside. Outpatient clinics are held in Berwick, Hexham and North Tyneside and surgeries in Hexham and North Tyneside. Between two consultant Bariatric surgeons we perform approximately 200 procedures a year including laparoscopic bands, bypasses, sleeves, re-do surgeries and gastric balloons. We have an active hands on training program as part of the NUGITS group, are hosts for the SORTED course to be held in the summer of 2011 and a bariatric cadaveric course in September 2011. This is a clinical hands on fellowship with opportunities for teaching and research.

2. Sunderland Royal Hospital, Sunderland. Mr Peter Small, FRCS

Sunderland Royal Hospital started its bariatric service for the North of England in 2000 and now provides gastric ballooning, banding, sleeve resections, bypasses and re-do surgery. The service has expanded each year with over 1000 referrals and 500 procedures performed in 2009 which is provided by four laparoscopic upper GI surgeons (all with a declared bariatric interest), two registrars, 1 F2 and 2 F1 doctors with two Specialist dietitians and two specialist nurses. A weekly multi-disciplinary team meeting discusses all new referrals, plans individual patient care and identifies potential patient complications and management.

The successful fellow/s will integrate into the team and receive hands-on training in laparoscopic bariatric surgery. They will be expected to participate fully in all clinics, ward work and audit/teaching activities during their attachment. Paper presentations and publications are actively encouraged during attachment. Involvement in the on – call general surgical registrar rota may be available.

Nearly all of the bariatric surgery is performed laparoscopically in two state-of-the-art digital theatres. Bariatric banding courses are run in conjunction with Ethicon Endo-Surgery and fellows are expected to help deliver the programme.

**3. Luton and Dunstable Hospital, Luton.
Mr Vigyan Jain, FRCS**

The Bariatric Surgical Unit of the Luton and Dunstable Hospital is a major regional centre for obesity surgery serving a tertiary population of about 2 million - and undertaking between 400-500 procedures per year. The Surgical Service is supported by a strong MDT consisting of two Psychologists, three Dieticians, three Bariatric Nurses, one Endocrinologist, a Specialist Physician and four Anaesthetists. There is a PARALLEL Medical Obesity Service and an Obesity Clinical Research Unit. The department has four experienced Consultant bariatric surgeons and offers training in Advanced Laparoscopic Bariatric Surgery including Gastric Bypasses, Sleeve gastrectomy, Gastric Bands and revision surgery. The post holder will also gain an insight into running a comprehensive Bariatric Service. There is a fortnightly academic meeting which the Bariatric fellow will administer and they will be expected to participate in ongoing research projects and attend and present at IFSO/BOMSS meetings. Submission of papers for publication during the post is encouraged. There is no on-call commitment but the Fellow will be closely involved in pre and post op management of all bariatric patients.

**4. Imperial Weight Centre,
Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust, London.
Mr Ahmed R. Ahmed BSc (Hons) FRCS (Gen)**

The bariatric service at Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust offers **comprehensive treatment for obesity**, with the aim of improving health by reducing weight. Known as the **Imperial weight centre**, we offer lifestyle, medical and surgical options for weight loss. We are recognised as an **international centre of excellence** for bariatric surgery by the [Surgical Review Corporation](#), which assesses the safety and quality of bariatric centres across the world. Our three key objectives are as follows:

- Provide excellent patient care
- Carry out leading research
- Provide high-quality teaching

The bariatric surgery unit has three consultants who perform laparoscopic bariatric surgery (gastric bypass 60%, sleeve gastrectomy 20%, gastric bands 20%). Nearly 600 cases per year pass through the unit (with 10-15 cases/week) and this number is likely to expand to 900 by 2014. The unit also has a high volume of revisional bariatric surgery. The fellow is integrated into the GI surgery unit and takes part in the registrar on call rota. This post offers an excellent opportunity to train in laparoscopic bariatric surgery. Opportunities to participate in other laparoscopic procedures exist and the fellow will be encouraged to complete a research project during the fellowship.

<http://www.imperial.nhs.uk/imperial-weight-centre>

**5. University College Hospital, London.
Mr Marco Adamo, MD**

The Fellowship in Bariatric surgery will be based in the bariatric unit at University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. UCLH unit of bariatric surgery has been established in July 2007 and has two full time bariatric surgeons with a third surgeon involved in bariatric surgery and an associate specialist. Comprehensive multidisciplinary expertise is provided by Physicians, a Psychiatric/psychology team, bariatric dieticians and bariatric nurse practitioners. Anesthetic support is provided by a team of bariatric anesthetists. The unit aims to deliver high quality advanced bariatric surgery and offers 24 hour on call cover for bariatric emergencies. The unit has a specific focus on laparoscopic gastric bypass and laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy and a caseload of 360 cases/year is expected for the current year and for 2011/2012.

The Fellow is expected to take part in at least 50 elective bariatric cases every six months and to have a primary role in at least 20% of these.

In six months the fellow is expected to assess at least 25 new bariatric patients, 50 follow up patients and to prepare 100 patients for discussion at the multidisciplinary meeting.

A specific bariatric logbook will be kept and updated by the Fellow as a record of his/her activity. The Fellow will take part to the on call rota for bariatric surgery (non resident). Details and frequency have to be defined. No commitments will be expected for general surgery.

**6. Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton.
Mr Richard Welbourn, FRCS**

Musgrove Park Hospital is an International Centre of Excellence, the Level 1 Bariatric Surgery Centre for the South West with a volume of several hundred procedures per year. We have an established Bariatric Fellowship program which commenced in 2006. The consultants involved in providing training also have a long history of mentoring consultant colleagues nationally and teaching on national and international courses, including the SORTED course and SWLC Bariatric Cadaveric course, which are both hosted in Taunton. The fellowship is designed as a supernumerary post with a job plan that places its main emphasis on training in theatres, however the fellow will also be exposed to outpatient activity and to the interdisciplinary MDT. The fellow will be exposed to a wide range of bariatric procedures, including laparoscopic gastric bypass, gastric band, sleeve gastrectomy, intragastric balloon and revisional bariatric surgery. It is expected that the fellow will become capable of independent practice by the end of the post. The fellow will also be encouraged to involve themselves in the unit's extensive research and teaching activities.

Trainee selection criteria will include:-

- ❖ National Training Number in year 5/6 of surgical rotation
- ❖ Consolidated logbook evidence of experience in both open Upper GI Surgery and Laparoscopic Techniques
- ❖ Reference from STC Chairman - supporting your suitability for this fellowship and giving consent to six months leave of absence from regional rotation
- ❖ Reference from current consultant trainer
- ❖ Evidence of plans to maintain laparoscopic skills after the Fellowship is completed.

Consultants in post will also be considered for these fellowships if supported in writing by their Chief Executive and Medical Director and on the provision of a suitable record of operative experience.

Application form, current curriculum vitae*, **accompanied by specified references as detailed above** must be submitted to:-

Helen McFarland
PO Box 1988
Kirkton Campus
Livingston, Scotland EH54 7AT
United Kingdom

Interviews are planned to take place on the 21st October, 2011 and short listed candidates will be notified during the week of the 3rd of October 2011.

CLOSING DATE: Friday, 2nd September 2011

Important Information Guidance for Submission of Application

- ❖ **Curriculum Vitae. Summary CV's are invited. Information is requested using the headings given:**
 - Qualifications
 - Awards and Prizes
 - Previous Appointments during preceding 3 years
 - Summary of Clinical Experience
 - Summary of Research Experience
 - Published Papers – 4 selected and total number
 - Published Abstracts - total number
 - Presentations to National and International Meetings - total number
 - Summary of key related course/workshops attended, e.g SORTED.
 - Career Aims
 - Outside interests
- ❖ **Cover Letter to include a succinct “Personal Statement”**
- ❖ **No extension to the closing date for applications will be granted and no additional supporting materials accepted**
- ❖ **Final selection of the fellow is at the exclusive discretion of the teaching institution. These fellowships are funded by an unconditional grant in line with the ABHI Code of Business Practice and adhere to Health Care Compliance Guidelines**

Name		Metabolic Fellowship 2012	
Current Appointment			
GMC Number		CCT Date	
NTN		Part III exam date	
Home address			
Home Telephone			
Work address			
Work Telephone			
Mobile number			
Email address			
Which fellowship locations are you applying for(rate 1 to 6, one being highest preference)	North Tyneside	Sunderland	Luton
	Imperial	UCH	Taunton
Higher Degree	Yes/No	Type:	
Have you applied before?	Yes/No	<i>Eg: MS,MD,PhD</i>	
Have you been interviewed before?	Yes/No		
Operative Experience TO DATE		PRIMARY SURGEON	ASSISTANT
Gastric Banding			
Gastric Bypass			
Sleeve Gastrectomy			
Bariatric Revisional Surgery			
Other Bariatric procedures			
Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy			
Laparoscopic Nissen			
Laparoscopic Other, Including Hernias.			
STC Chairman Contact details			
Current Trainer Referee			
CONSULTANT APPLICANT Chief Executive and Medical Director Contact details			