

The 2022 CSANZ-UK Interventional Fellowship

Applications are invited for a funded 12-month advanced PCI and TAVI fellowship programme at Wythenshawe University Hospital, South Manchester NHS trust.

This position offers the opportunity to gain high volume experience in interventional cardiology and structural heart disease at a busy teaching hospital, and to gain international experience in a different healthcare system.

The Fellowship is intended for a senior cardiology trainee who holds FRACP and who wishes to pursue a career in interventional cardiology. It is a 12-month Fellowship with the option of a second year depending upon progress and the experience and training requirements of the successful applicant. The proposed start date of the fellowship is February 2022.

Job description

Wythenshawe Hospital provides tertiary cardiac services to the South Manchester and North Cheshire area and is supported by on-site Cardiothoracic surgery and an active cardiac transplant unit. This is a senior training position covering all aspects of complex coronary intervention such as rotational atherectomy, true bifurcation cases and CTO angioplasty including antegrade dissection re-entry and retrograde techniques.

The program delivers around 1800 PCIs/yr and 75 TAVIs/yr and the unit has 5 Cardiac Catheter Laboratories. The Fellow works with a team of 7 in-house interventional cardiologists who perform a wide range of acute and complex elective PCI including 24/7 primary PCI for a population of 3.2 million. The department is particularly active in intracoronary imaging using IVUS and OCT, hosting the largest national annual training meeting in the UK. There is an active structural program including ASD closure, a mature TAVI program, and a percutaneous mitral valve clip program. The interventional programme is supported by a comprehensive imaging service including stress echocardiography as well as dedicated cardiac MRI and CT (including CT coronary angiography).

The department is active in interventional research with a strong record of recruitment into international trials as well as developing in house research protocols covering IVUS, OCT, FFR and Cardiac MRI.

Eligibility and Appointment Process

Eligible applicants should have completed advanced training in cardiology and hold FRACP, be fully competent in radial access coronary angiography and preferably have basic proficiency in coronary intervention.

There will be a competitive appointment process, coordinated by A/Prof Ajay Sinhal at Flinders Medical Centre, Adelaide. The interview panel will include senior interventional cardiologists from Australian and New Zealand centres.

How to Apply

To apply for this opportunity, please send your CV with letters of support from two supervisory consultants to the attention of A/Prof Sinhal email: intervention@csanz.edu.au

The deadline for applications is Friday, 6 August, 2021

Fellowship testimonial (2016-2018 Fellow, Dr Abdul Sheikh)

The CSANZ-UK Interventional fellowship at Wythenshawe Hospital has been an excellent training program supervised by highly skilled team of interventional cardiologists. As the current fellow, I have gained high volume experience in coronary intervention. The fellow can expect to be lead operator in the majority of Primary PCIs and complex cases including LMS, bifurcation, Graft PCI, surgical turndowns, rotational atherectomy and CTO cases. Intracoronary imaging with IVUS and OCT is utilised routinely in a significant proportion of these cases. My experience was that I had a minimum of 7 cath lab sessions per week and completed more than 400 1st operator cases per annum. There is also a well-established TAVI programme run by an experienced heart team. As a fellow you can expect to get a fair exposure to TAVI cases, the related patient selection process and post TAVI in-patient and out patient follow up.

Not only does the fellowship provide a high volume and complex PCI experience, but also it gives invaluable exposure to the NHS UK. The fellow spends most of the week in the cath lab working along an excellent team of competent and friendly nurses, radiographers and doctors. There is also an opportunity to participate in clinical trials conducted at the department. The consultant team is very experienced and supportive. They encourage independence and evidence-based practice and treat the fellow as a junior consultant. This fellowship is a great professional experience and I highly recommend it to my cardiology colleagues.