

# ESSO Breast Surgery Fellowship at Nightingale & Genesis Breast Cancer Centre

Nightingale & Genesis Breast Cancer Centre will host for the first time this year one of the 12-month ESSO Breast Surgery Fellowship for training in breast surgical oncology and oncoplastic surgery.

The successful candidate will be part of one of the leading breast cancer centres in the United Kingdom, with more than 900 diagnostics and treatments of symptomatic and screen detected breast cancers per year. In addition, the centre hosts the largest family history clinic in the country.

**The Nightingale & Genesis Breast Cancer Center** provides a screening and symptomatic service for over 300,000 women across Greater Manchester. The centre performs mammograms on >35,000 women per year and treats >400 screen detected cancers each year. It is one of only four national training centres for breast screening in England.

The Nightingale Centre has one of the largest breast reconstruction practices in the country and acts as a tertiary centre for patients with challenging problems. It has very close links to the regional Plastic Surgery unit, which is also based at Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust and performs a high volume of microsurgical breast reconstructions.

The Centre also hosts the largest family history clinic in the UK and treat many women undergoing risk-reducing mastectomies. The family history service includes two professorial appointments and the United Kingdom's only chair in preventative oncology.

The breast centre has built up an international reputation for the quality of its research into breast disease and breast cancer. A large volume of clinical and laboratory based research is carried out by the team, with several nationally and internationally recognised groups in oncology based at the Christie Hospital (Patterson Institute for Cancer Research) and at Manchester University Medical School.

**This one-year position** is intended for senior trainees who wish to develop further expertise in Oncoplastic breast surgery. Consideration will be given to Specialty Registrars in their final year of training, intending to spend an additional year out of the programme. The post is offered as full time and will provide training in all aspects of breast surgery, oncology and reconstruction. The fellow will gain experience in clinic, theatre and multi-disciplinary meetings. Patient care follows agreed unit protocols.

## **Main duties and responsibilities:**

- **Clinics**

Participation in new and follow up clinics to develop skills in the diagnosis and treatment of patients with symptomatic and screen detected breast. The fellow will also have the opportunity to attend family history clinic.

There are weekly joint oncoplastic clinics attended by breast and plastic surgeons for patients requiring more complex breast reconstruction or revisional surgery. There are also regular joint clinics dedicated to patients with developmental breast problems. Oncology clinics will be at The Christie Hospital.

- **Multi-disciplinary Team meetings**

The fellow will attend and present cases at a range of MDTs. There is a weekly plenary MDT attended by surgeons, radiologists, pathologists, oncologists and the whole Nightingale team. In addition, there are daily pre-clinic MDTs to discuss biopsy results and plan treatment.

There is a weekly oncoplastic MDT attended by Breast and Plastic Surgeons. A monthly family history MDT is attended by a Geneticist, Oncologist, Psychologist and Surgeons.

- **Theatre**

Operative experience will be supported and supervised appropriate to the level of competence. Alongside with routine breast surgical procedures, the fellow will be supported in gaining the skills in the full range of oncoplastic procedures. This includes implant based reconstruction, therapeutic mammoplasty, local chest wall perforator flaps and autologous techniques. There is also opportunity to develop skills in lipomodelling, mastopexy, reduction and augmentation for symmetrisation or developmental breast problems.

- **Research/Audit/Teaching**

The fellow will be supported to carry out clinical audit and research. In addition, the fellow will be expected to undertake ward rounds and participate in both undergraduate and postgraduate teaching alongside clinical duties.

There is no on call commitment.

## **Funding**

The successful candidate will be paid as a registrar on the NHS payscale.

## **Fellowship responsible tutors:**

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