

## Vascular Surgery

### Job Description

<b>Job Title:</b>	<b>clinical fellow (ST3+) in Perioperative medicine for Older People undergoing Surgery (POPS) in vascular surgery</b>
<b>Band:</b>	Clinical Fellow (ST3+)
<b>Hours of Work (p/w):</b>	48 per week (EWTD Compliant) Less than full time trainees will be considered
<b>Service Centre:</b>	Vascular Surgery
<b>Base:</b>	St George's Hospital
<b>Accountable to:</b>	Vascular Surgery Clinical Director
<b>Reports to:</b>	Consultant Vascular Geriatrician – Dr S Howie
<b>Responsible for:</b>	Running and managing vascular research portfolio and clinical duties and responsibility for the care of vascular surgical patients.  Registration and completion of an MD(Res) / PhD dependent on suitability and progress.
<b>Key relationships:</b>	Research Lead for Vascular Surgery Consultant Vascular Surgeons Accident and Emergency Outpatient department Vascular ward

### Role of the Department:

St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is the regional specialist care provider for South-West London, Surrey and beyond. The trust is a major acute hospital that provides a high quality, comprehensive range of health services from leading edge tertiary care including trauma, neurology, cardiac care, renal transplantation, cancer care and stroke to community services. The hospital also provides all the usual care expected from a local NHS district general hospital.

Acute and tertiary health services are delivered from over 1,000 beds across two sites, by around 8,000 staff. With national and regional referrals added to our local catchment of 3.5 million, we serve a population of around 5 million.

Co-located with the trust is St George's, University of London, a medical school with 270 students per year. Both the trust and the medical school have a formal strategic alliance with King's Health Partners. Together, the trust and medical school delivers high quality research and education both of which contribute to the healthcare provision of tomorrow.

St George's Vascular Institute encompasses an integrated clinical, research and educational facility on the St George's site. The clinical service provides secondary services for its resident population and provides a tertiary referral service for South West London, which includes Queen Mary's Roehampton, Kingston, Croydon, Epsom, St Heliers, Ashford & St Peter's and East Surrey hospitals, as well as further afield for tertiary practice. The institute has particular interests in complex aneurysm repair, aortic dissection, the management of critical limb ischemia including evolving lower limb endovascular procedures and carotid disease.

St George's hospital provides the acute tertiary vascular service for South West Thames region, covering the spoke hospitals Epsom, St Helier, Croydon, East Surrey, Kingston and St Peter's. Cheselden ward is a 22 bedded specialist vascular unit. It is supported by a large multidisciplinary team, with close links to podiatry, endocrinology, radiology, microbiology and amputation rehabilitation. The unit is supported by 5 clinical nurse specialists and vascular lab technical expertise. There is a large vascular junior doctor team comprising a physician's associate, 2 FY1s, 2 surgical core trainees, 2 trust grade junior clinical fellows (SHO) and 10 vascular registrars.

### **Job Summary:**

The postholder will work for the vascular geriatrics consultant delivering comprehensive geriatric assessment to older patients undergoing vascular surgery. The postholder will undertake pre-operative assessments on the ward and in clinic, be involved in shared decision making and optimising patients for surgery and post-operative management on the ward. The fellow will participate in board rounds, ward rounds – jointly with vascular and independently - and multidisciplinary team meetings. There is an option of contributing to the on call rota covering acute medicine and ward cover on calls. The postholder will also be part of the senior health referral rota, reviewing patients under other specialties. These are often surgical patients and will provide exposure to other surgical specialties.

This is an exciting opportunity to be involved in embedding and developing a relatively new peri-operative service and would be excellent experience for those trainees who are interested in pursuing a career in surgical liaison. There will be an expectation to be involved in quality improvement activity where they will be supported in presenting and publishing their work. As a university teaching hospital and medical school, there are opportunities to deliver teaching to undergraduates and post-graduate trainees. Teaching and supporting our surgical colleagues, nursing staff and allied healthcare professionals in the medical care of older people will be a core part of the role. The postholder will be able to attend our amputee rehabilitation ward, theatre and vascular clinics and will gain experience in peri-operative diabetic management as part of the diabetic foot team.

The applicant may have a background in geriatric medicine, acute/general medicine or anaesthetics/ intensive care, provided they have MRCP. The applicant does not need to have an NTN.

**Duties and responsibilities:**

- To demonstrate excellent communication skills, working collaboratively and constructively with the vascular team
- Working closely with the vascular team to provide medical input, frailty assessments and comprehensive geriatric assessments primarily for patients over 65 years but also will need to be comfortable providing care to younger patients
- To provide senior medical support, teaching and mentoring to the vascular team
- To attend board rounds to ensure consistent geriatric presence and adequate handover
- To attend vascular POPS clinic and contribute to vascular MDT meetings
- To deliver teaching both informally in board rounds and on ward rounds and formally in vascular meetings
- To work closely with our multi-disciplinary team to facilitate discharge planning and support them in providing care to complex older patients
- To work closely with the geriatric consultant to embed the peri-operative service and to help with data collection/ QIP/ service development
- To take responsibility for the reviews and advice given and communicating this effectively while overall responsibility for patient care remains under the vascular surgical team
- Be part of the senior health referrals rota, providing senior health input into patients under other medical and surgical specialties

**Educational programme:**

This post is not automatically accredited by the deanery or the Royal College of Physicians. This will need to be applied for retrospectively. All efforts will be made to ensure that the post meets curriculum requirements. The postholder will be expected to attend and contribute to teaching both formally and informally.

**Formal educational opportunities:**

Vascular academic meetings – monthly  
Grand round – weekly  
Senior health teaching – weekly

**Management opportunities:**

Senior health and vascular care group meetings – monthly  
Senior health governance meetings – quarterly  
Vascular governance meetings – monthly

**Study leave:**

Study leave will be granted at the discretion of the clinical lead. Funding for CPD will be equivalent to that of the appropriate training post set at £500 per year and 10 days.

**Trust Values:**

We expect all our staff to share the values that are important to the Trust, being Excellent, Kind, Responsible & Respectful, and behave in a way that reflect these.

**Other Duties/Responsibilities:**

To have responsibility for the Health, Safety and Welfare of self and others and to comply at all times with the requirement of the Health and Safety Regulations.

To ensure confidentiality at all times, only releasing confidential information obtained during the course of employment to those acting in an official capacity in accordance with the provisions of the Data Protection Act and its amendments.

To work in accordance with the Trust's Equal Opportunities policy to eliminate unlawful discrimination in relation to employment and service delivery.

To ensure skills are up-to-date and relevant to the role, to follow relevant Trust policies and professional codes and to maintain registration where this is a requirement of the role.

To comply with St. George's Healthcare No Smoking Policies.

To undertake such duties as may be required from time to time as are consistent with the responsibilities of the grade and the needs of the service.

This job description is not an exhaustive document but is a reflection of the current position. Details and emphasis may change in line with service needs after consultation with the postholder.

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**Staffing of the Department****Consultant Vascular Surgeons**

**Professor P Holt**  
**Professor I Loftus**  
**Mr G Maytham**  
**Mr P Moxey**  
**Miss K Stenson**  
**Mr M Abdelhamid**  
**Mr M Desai**  
**Mr M Moawad**  
**Dr S Howie**

## Time table:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>AM</b>	Board round Vascular WR  11:30 ward MDT	8am Vasc meetings (weeks 2,3,4) Board round Independent ward reviews + IP MDT	Board round Consultant geris WR	Diabetic foot round  11:30 ward MDT	Board round Independent ward reviews
<b>Lunchtime</b>				12:00 frailty MDT  Grand round	Senior health teaching
<b>PM</b>	Independent ward reviews  Board round	Peri- operative clinic  Board round	Pre-op clinic reviews ad hoc + ward reviews  Board round	Data collection/ service development/ QIP  Board round	Board round

Senior health referrals are rostered for a week in the afternoons on a rotational basis with senior health registrars and IMT3s.

On call arrangements to be discussed – option to be included in medical on call rota covering acute general internal medicine on calls and ward cover for medicine

## Person Specification

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**Division/Directorate:** Medicine & Cardiovascular Acute medicine & Senior Health

**Key:** I = Interview, A = Application form, T = Practical Test

Factor	Essential	Desirable	Method of Assessment
<b>Qualifications</b> Basic Postgraduate	MBBS or equivalent  MRCP	BSc MSc/ MA	I A
<b>Experience</b>	Comprehensive clinical experience in geriatrics and acute general internal medicine +/- in peri-operative medicine	Surgical liaison geriatrics	I A
<b>Knowledge and skills</b>	Good medical knowledge and clinical skills  Clear, legible documentation Computer literate ALS Certificate		I A
<b>Personality</b>	Good written and oral communication skills Ability to manage own workload and take initiative Ability to work as part of a multi-disciplinary team Ability to be flexible and to manage reasonable workload that can quickly change	Demonstrates experience in leadership	I A
<b>Audit and quality improvement</b>	Understands the principles of audit and quality improvement Experience in designing and leading quality improvement	Evidence of quality improvement work resulting in sustained change	I A
<b>Teaching</b>	Experience in teaching undergraduates, post graduates and allied healthcare professionals	Development of a formal teaching programme	I A
<b>Research</b>	Understanding of the principles and clinical applications of clinical research	Evidence of involvement in original research	I A
<b>Management</b>	Excellent organisational skills  Experience of supervision of more junior trainees	Experience in clinical risk management and governance processes	I A
<b>Other Requirements</b>	Full GMC registration and hold a license to practise  Evidence of understanding of and adherence to the principles of <i>Good Medical Practice</i> set out by the General Medical Council		I A