

Role Descriptor: Specialist (B6) Head and Neck Oncology Dietitian
0.6 Acute; 0.4 CHANT

This is not intended as a comprehensive list of duties and responsibilities, and should be viewed alongside the Job Description, Person Specification and Functional Requirement Form for this position.

- To work within a team of 5.4 WTE head and neck oncology (H&N) dietitians in the acute setting and 3.0 WTE dietitians in the Community Head and Neck Team (CHANT), providing dietetic care to patients who are having, or have had H&N cancer treatment (surgery and oncological treatments). To be based 3 days per week (0.6 WTE) in the acute team at Guy's Hospital, predominantly covering an inpatient caseload. To be based within the CHANT team 2 days per week (0.4 WTE) at the Waldron Health Centre in New Cross, covering typically 2 of the 9 multidisciplinary CHANT clinics across the 6 boroughs of South East London on a weekly basis.
- To maintain timely and accurate channels of communication with dietitians and other multidisciplinary team members across acute and CHANT to provide a seamless transfer of care from acute to community settings and vice versa.
- To be willing to engage in dietetic service re-design which may involve a change in job plan to allow e.g. the creation of rotational posts between the CHANT and acute dietetic team or cross cover with the acute outpatient team.
- To manage the set-up and monitoring of patients requiring home enteral tube feeding and liaise appropriately with local community support teams prior to and post discharge.
- To provide expert dietetic advice to patients and colleagues on the management of enteral tube feeding, including: screening and assessment for tube placement, tube insertion/removal procedures, after-care and tube maintenance, trouble-shooting, and ancillary requirements. To work closely with the Trust enteral nutrition team to ensure patients receive the expert input they require to safely manage their feeding tubes.
- To support the enteral nutrition team in providing input to Trust and departmental teaching, audit and projects related to enteral tube feeding as required. To provide ward level teaching to nursing and medical colleagues.
- To be responsible for the input of accurate data into the locally held H&N dietetic team/CHANT databases, including REDCap.
- To provide informal support and supervision to a B3 dietetic assistant in the acute setting and B4 therapy assistants in CHANT as well as student dietitians working in the department. To take on formal supervision of junior staff as deemed appropriate for level of knowledge and skills and as discussed with line manager(s).
- To work closely with the H&N cancer MDT to ensure seamless holistic care and monitoring of patients.

- To provide expert dietetic advice to the MDT through attendance and participation in MDT meetings and ward rounds. To be available to attend typically 1 ward round per week starting at 8am, with time taken in lieu.
- To support the ongoing monitoring and development of the H&N Surgery Enhanced Recovery Programme.
- To contribute to twice yearly MDT H&N audit meetings.
- To undertake audit, service evaluation, service development and research within the H&N dietetic team and CHANT as required and as discussed with line manager(s).