

Specialist Upper Gastrointestinal (GI) Surgery Dietitian Role Descriptor

- To be a member of the dietetic team responsible for the nutrition and dietetic management of patients who are having or have had Upper Gastrointestinal (GI) surgery.
- To be responsible for Upper GI Surgery patients' receiving oral, enteral and parenteral nutrition support on the St Thomas' Hospital site as in-patients on the ward as well as in outpatient clinics.
- To provide dietetic support to patients with oesophagogastric cancer undergoing the surgical treatment pathway and during their longer term follow up with a focus on addressing the survivorship needs of this group.
- To work closely with the oesophagogastric cancer MDT to ensure seamless holistic care and monitoring of patients with oesophagogastric cancer.
- To manage the setup and monitoring of a caseload of patients requiring home enteral feeding and liaise appropriately with local community support teams.
- To support the ongoing monitoring and development of the Upper GI Surgery Enhanced Recovery Programme.
- To provide expert dietetic advice to the multidisciplinary team through attendance and participation in multidisciplinary team meetings and ward rounds.
- To provide expert advice to clinicians, patients and carers regarding provision of nutritional support for patients based on clinical evidence. This will involve nutritional assessment, to include the calculation of nutritional requirements based on the interpretation of biochemistry, anthropometry clinical condition and other physical parameters.
- To initiate and participate in regular research and audit in line with departmental and MDT procedures.