

Recruitment information pack



FAST FORWARD YOU CAREER

BE PART OF A SUPPORTIVE TEAM

WORK ALONGSIDE WORLD-LEADING EXPERTS



RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

IMPACT ON PATIENT OUTCOMES

DEVELOP YOUR AREA OF INTEREST



WHO WE ARE

Join Imperial College Healthcare and become part of a community of 12,000 staff working with a wide range of partners to offer 'better health, for life'.

Formed in 2007, we are one of the largest NHS trusts in the country – providing acute and specialist care to over a million patients each year in central and north London and beyond.

With a global reputation for ground-breaking research and innovation as well as excellence in education, we offer huge expertise across a wide range of clinical specialities.

Alongside our five hospitals – Charing Cross, Hammersmith, Queen Charlotte's & Chelsea, St Mary's and the Western Eye – we have a growing number of community and digital services, reflecting our commitment to developing more integrated care with our partners. We also provide private healthcare at all of our hospitals (in dedicated facilities).

Together with Imperial College London and two other NHS trusts, we form one of six academic health science centres in the UK – focused on translating research into better patient care. We also host one of 20 National Institute for Health Research biomedical research centres in partnership with Imperial College London.

Our mission is to be a key partner in our local health system and to drive health and healthcare innovation, delivering outstanding care, education and research with local, national and worldwide impact.

OUR VALUES AND BEHAVIOURS

With our staff and partners, we have developed a clear and ambitious vision as well as a set of core values that shape everything we do. Together they guide our organisational strategy and our behaviours framework:

- **Kind:** we are considerate and thoughtful so everyone feels valued, respected and included
- **Collaborative:** We actively seek others' views and ideas so we can achieve more together
- **Expert:** We draw on diverse skills, knowledge and experience so we provide the best possible care
- **Aspirational:** We are receptive and responsive to new thinking, so we never stop learning, discovering and improving

OUR HOSPITALS

Our hospitals and services

We have five hospitals on four sites, as well as a growing number of community and digital services across central and west London:

Charing Cross Hospital, Hammersmith.

Charing Cross Hospital offers outstanding day surgery and cancer care, award-winning dementia services and medicine for the elderly, and is a renowned tertiary centre for

neurosurgery with a hyper-acute stroke unit. It is also a hub for integrated care in partnership with local GPs and community providers.

Hammersmith Hospital, Acton

Hammersmith Hospital is a specialist hospital renowned for its strong research connections and haematology service. It is home to a dedicated heart attack centre and Europe's largest renal transplant centre.

Queen Charlotte's & Chelsea Hospital, Acton

Queen Charlotte's & Chelsea Hospital is a maternity, women's and neonatal care hospital. It is a tertiary referral centre and looks after women with high-risk, complicated pregnancies, as providing a midwife-led birth centre.

St Mary's Hospital, Paddington

St Mary's Hospital is a large, acute hospital and hosts one of the four major trauma centres in London, alongside a 24-hour A&E department. With one of the most renowned paediatric services in the country, St Mary's is also home to Imperial Private Healthcare's Lindo Wing.

Western Eye, Marylebone

The Western Eye Hospital is a specialist hub for ophthalmic services in West London with a 24/7 eye A&E – providing emergency treatment for both adults and children. Facilities include: outpatients, inpatients, day case and emergency services.

WHY JOIN US?

Reach your potential through outstanding learning and development opportunities

Every year we welcome hundreds of doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals to train with us. We support staff to pursue formal education, conduct research and take part in courses, seminars and training programmes – including giving study leave. Wherever you are in your career, we offer opportunities for continuing professional development (CPD). If you are starting in an entry-level role, we also offer NVQ level two and level three qualifications. We also have a number of leadership development programmes to support you as you progress, alongside cross-specialty and cross-profession clinical education.

Experience the rich heritage of hospitals that have made history

Some of our clinicians' achievements continue to transform healthcare practice and make a lasting impact on the world. In 1928, Alexander Fleming discovered the antibiotic penicillin at St Mary's revolutionising medicine and earning himself a Nobel prize – this is just one in a long line of many discoveries and developments that have put us on the map as at the forefront of innovation.

Draw on huge expertise as part of a strong international community

Get ready to work with colleagues from all over the world with a sense of community, wellbeing and shared endeavour. We look after children, adolescents and adults – caring for tiny babies through to patients who need end of life care. We have a global reputation for our expertise in areas like: cardiology, haematology, renal and transplantation, infectious diseases, neurology and trauma care – to name just a few. We are part of the

Reach your potential in hospitals that make history

Charing Cross | Hammersmith | St Mary's |
Queen Charlotte's & Chelsea | Western Eye

prestigious [Shelford Group](#) – the top ten NHS multi-specialty academic healthcare organisations dedicated to excellence in research, education and patient care.

Feel supported by a positive culture

You can expect leadership and the chance to do your best in an open, respectful working environment supported by a shared set of values. Our leadership team ensure they are accessible – meeting staff at monthly CEO sessions and on ward walk rounds. Every employee has an annual personal development review to discuss their progress and development needs. We have a number of thriving staff networks at the Trust for you to join including: the leadership network; the women's network, the LGBT+ network and the nursing and midwifery BAME network.

Recognition and career progression

We value our staff and recognise the unique contributions they make to their patients and colleagues with our [Make a Difference](#) recognition scheme and annual awards ceremony. We encourage patients, members of the public, visitors, carers as well as colleagues to nominate our staff when they go the extra mile and celebrate the dedication of long-serving staff. Every year you'll have a personal development review where you'll identify objectives and development needs for the next year. Together you and your manager will establish a plan to help you fast-forward your career and gain the experience and skill you need to progress to the next level.

Conduct research here

Our clinicians work alongside biomedical scientists, chemists, physicists and engineers from Imperial College London to develop new ways of diagnosing, treating and preventing disease. As part of an academic health science centre, we aim to apply research discoveries to healthcare as quickly as possible so we can improve the lives of NHS patients and populations around the world. Our culture is about identifying research opportunities and supporting our staff to pursue them. One of our goals is to encourage many more healthcare professionals outside of medicine to pursue academic careers by providing research skills training sessions, grant-writing support and access to fellowship opportunities. As of 2018/19 we have 600 active research projects.

Access brilliant benefits and enjoy a new social life

Join the NHS pension scheme – one of the most generous schemes in the UK. Have the opportunity to work flexibly. Benefit from on-site accommodation and employee travel. Voluntary benefits include: season ticket loan, on-site nurseries, childcare vouchers, cycle to work scheme, fitness facilities and well-being initiatives including yoga and meditation classes. Join the Trust's choir or orchestra, running club or football club, or become a member of the Charity's Arts Club to receive exclusive access to free exhibitions at the Tate Modern and shows. You can even enter the Royal Albert Hall ballot and win tickets to music events! Experience the best that London can offer on your doorstep – benefit from generous London weighting supplements that will help you make the most of it!

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job title	Cancer & Aseptic Services Pharmacist
Band	Band 7
Directorate/ department	Pharmacy Department, Charing Cross and Hammersmith Hospitals
Division	Women, Children and Clinical Support Services
Location of work	Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust – Aseptic Unit within Pharmacy Department (Hammersmith and Charing Cross Hospitals)
Hours	37.5 hours per week (according to rota and including regular Saturday and Sunday working with non-standard pattern of working) All pharmacists provide an out of hours' service as determined by the needs of the department.
Reports to	Lead Pharmacist Aseptic Services
Accountable to	Chief Pharmacist, Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust

1. Job purpose

To support the Aseptic Units in maintaining an excellent patient-centred service, compliant with Good Manufacturing Practice.

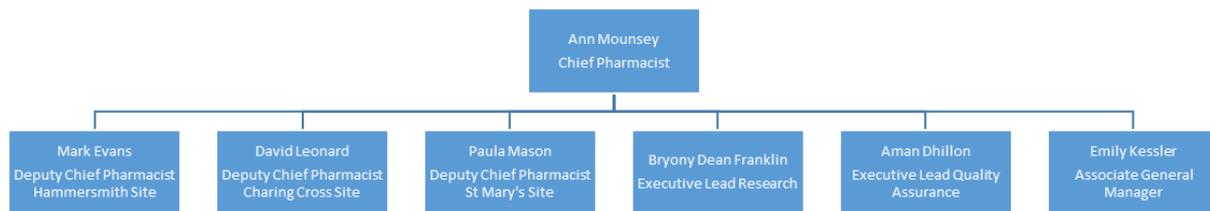
To provide a clinical screening service for SACT, clinical trials and parenteral nutrition, liaising with prescribers, nurses and clinical research teams.

To provide clinical pharmacy services, department and ward-based, in line with Trust procedures and national legislation.

To assist the clinical trials team in the running of trials being conducted through the Aseptic Units.

2. Key stakeholders

The senior management structure in pharmacy is as follows:



This post sits within Aseptic services and reports to Antoinette Adu: Lead Pharmacist Aseptic Services

Liaises with:

- Doctors and medical personnel
- Research nurses/ co-ordinators and Nursing staff (particularly those working in chemotherapy day care)
- Pharmacy Clinical Trial staff
- Pharmacy Quality Assurance staff
- Pharmacists and pre-registration pharmacists
- Pharmacy technicians (students and qualified)
- Other pharmacy staff
- External customers
- Patients and their carers

3. Key areas of responsibility

To provide a high quality patient focused aseptic service to patients in the Trust and associated hospitals.

To support section managers in the provision of Aseptics and Clinical Trials services and ensure they are flexible and responsive to patient needs.

To provide mentorship and support to the band 6 pharmacists and monitor their progress whilst on rotation to section.

To ensure the safe, clinically effective, and cost efficient use of drugs.

a. Aseptic Service Provision

Based in the aseptic unit to support the Aseptic Unit managers in the day to day management and development of Aseptic Services.

- To participate in daily provision of the service including final checking and releasing of chemotherapy and parenteral nutrition
- To ensure that products are prepared according to agreed procedures and Good Manufacturing Practice
- To complete the training accreditation in order to screen prescriptions for adult SACT, Clinical Trials and Parenteral Nutrition to ensure that they are clinically appropriate and in line with agreed protocols
- To support medical and nursing staff on the prescribing and administration of these drugs, including attendance at wards rounds where necessary

b. Clinical Practice

To ensure the safe, clinically effective and cost efficient use of drugs

- To professionally screen/check prescriptions, thus taking professional responsibility, as required by legislation
- To optimise the choice of drug and dosing
- To optimise patient knowledge of their drugs
- To enhance the quality of patient care
- To ensure that medication histories and patients' own drugs are checked on admission or transfer
- To influence prescribers and recommend changes to patients' treatment where appropriate
- To manage difficult and ambiguous problems
- To make decisions with limited information
- To work with a whole-system patient focused approach
- To communicate with patients and health care professionals
- To prioritise clinical interventions according to individual patient needs
- To help with the monitoring and implementation of Drug Clinical Guideline policies
- To undertake audit as required

c. Training and Development

- To participate in education and training of other healthcare professionals
- To participate in education and training schemes and meetings organised within the department
- To participate in other areas of pharmacy practice in order to ensure a broad base of

pharmaceutical knowledge

- To undertake continual professional development and maintain a CPD portfolio, in line with requirements of professional body, including continuing education and attendance at appropriate courses and study days
- To participate in the pharmacy department and Trust appraisal system
- To supervise band 6 pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and pharmacy assistants
- In conjunction with the cancer services directorate pharmacists to develop and maintain training and accreditation programmes for aseptic services pharmacists
- To train and work as an Independent Prescriber according to Trust policies and within your identified scope of practice if required by the service
- Act as a Diploma tutor as the needs of the department require
- To undertake objective setting and appraisals for rotational band 6 pharmacists in accordance with departmental guidelines

d. Other duties

- To be actively involved in undertaking projects and audits to continually review and improve the quality of service provision
- To assist in the recruitment of pharmacy staff as appropriate
- To attend course and study days as deemed appropriate by the department
- To undertake any other duties commensurate with the grade as requested by the Lead Pharmacist Aseptic Services

4. General responsibilities

- To participate in all relevant departmental meetings and contribute to effective communication within the department
- To be aware of and apply, relevant legislation such as the Health and Safety at Work Act, Control of Substances Hazardous to Health, GMP and Medicines' Act
- To provide a high quality, customer focused pharmaceutical service to in-patients, discharge patients and outpatients where appropriate
- To have a working knowledge of all procedures, legislation or national guidelines relating to the storage and dispensing of unlicensed medicinal products, controlled drugs, oral chemotherapy and clinical trials
- To have a working knowledge of pharmacy stock control and ordering systems
- To at all times practice in accordance with the Code of Conduct of the General Pharmaceutical Council
- To uphold the security of drugs and the premises at all times
- To take part in the weekend, late duty and bank holiday service according to rota

5. Scope and purpose of job description

A job description does not constitute a 'term and condition of employment'. It is provided only as a guide to assist the employee in the performance of their job. The Trust is a fast moving organisation and therefore changes in employees' duties may be necessary from time to time. The job description is not intended to be an inflexible or finite list of tasks and may be varied from time to time after consultation/discussion with the post holder.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Directorate/ department	Job title	Band
Pharmacy	Cancer & Aseptic Services Pharmacist	Band 7

Criteria relevant to the role	Essential	Desirable
Education/ qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Masters Degree in Pharmacy or Equivalent - Registered as a pharmacist with the GPhC - Post Graduate Certificate in General Pharmacy Practice or equivalent experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GCP and GMP training - Post Graduate Diploma in General Pharmacy Practice or equivalent experience
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Post-registration training and experience in hospital pharmacy including aseptic services. In addition this must include a solid grounding in all other aspects of hospital pharmacy practice (medicines information, ward services and dispensing) - Demonstrate the ability to appropriately recommend, substantiate and communicate therapeutic options for patients - Practical clinical experience - Demonstrable use of audit to improve practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Post-registration experience in screening and verification of SACT prescriptions - Haematology or Oncology experience - Clinical Trials experience
Skills/knowledge/ abilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Good ability to organise and prioritise work - Good clinical practical knowledge - Ability to influence senior pharmacy and medical staff, 	

	<p>the multidisciplinary team and management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A good understanding of national and local priorities - Analytical ability for problem solving - Good ability to use computer systems including Excel and Word - Able to work under pressure - Good personal organisation and time management skills - Able to work both alone and in a team - Ability to identify and manage risks - Demonstrates awareness of and commitment to the Clinical Governance agenda - Excellent verbal and written communication skills - The ability to communicate empathetically towards patients 	
Values and behaviours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Demonstrable ability to meet Trust values 	
Physical qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meet the requirements of the role with any reasonable adjustments 	

Additional information

1. Health and safety

All staff are required to make positive efforts to maintain their own personal safety and that of others by taking reasonable care, carrying out requirements of the law while following recognised codes of practice and Trust policies on health and safety.

2. Medical examinations

All appointments are conditional upon prior health clearance. Failure to provide continuing satisfactory evidence if required, e.g. of immunization, will be regarded as a breach of contract.

3. Equal opportunities

The Trust aims to promote equal opportunities. A copy of our Equality Opportunities Policy is available from the Human Resources department. Members of staff must ensure that they treat other members of staff, patients and visitors with dignity and respect at all times and report any breaches of this to the appropriate manager.

4. Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults

Post holders have a general responsibility for safeguarding children and vulnerable adults in the course of their daily duties and for ensuring that they are aware of specific duties relating to their role.

5. Disclosure & Barring Service/safeguarding children and vulnerable adults

Applicants for many posts in the NHS are exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. Applicants who are offered employment for such posts will be subject to a criminal record check from the Disclosure & Barring Service before appointment is confirmed. This includes details of cautions, reprimands and final warnings, as well as convictions. [Find out more about the Disclosure & Barring Service](#). Post holders have a general responsibility for safeguarding children and vulnerable adults in the course of their daily duties and for ensuring that they are aware of specific duties relating to their role. Staff are obliged to disclose to the Trust during employment any pending criminal convictions, including cautions, and any other information relevant to the safeguarding of children or vulnerable adults.

6. Professional registration

Staff undertaking work which requires professional registration are responsible for ensuring that they are so registered and that they comply with any codes of conduct applicable to that profession. Proof of registration must be produced on appointment and at any time subsequently on request.

7. Work visa/ permits/Leave to remain

If you are a non-resident of the UK or EEA you are required to have a valid work visa and leave to remain in the UK, which is renewed as required. The Trust is unable to employ or continue to employ you if you require but do not have a valid work visa and/or leave to remain in the UK.

8. Conflict of interests

You may not, without the consent of the Trust, engage in any outside employment and in particular you are disqualified from an appointment as a chair or Non-Executive Director of another NHS Trust while you are employed by this Trust. In accordance with the Trust's

Conflict of Interest Policy you must declare to your manager all private interests which could potentially result in personal gain as a consequence of your employment position in the Trust. The NHS Code of Conduct and Standards of Business Conduct for NHS Staff require you to declare all situations where you or a close relative or associate has a controlling interest in a business or in any activity which may compete for any NHS contracts to supply goods or services to the Trust. You must therefore register such interests with the Trust, either on appointment or subsequently.

9. Infection control

It is the responsibility of all staff, whether clinical or non-clinical, to familiarise themselves with, and adhere to, current policy in relation to the prevention of the spread of infection and the wearing of uniforms.

Clinical staff – on entering and leaving clinical areas, and between contacts with patients, staff should ensure that they apply alcohol gel to their hands and wash their hands frequently with soap and water. In addition, staff should ensure the appropriate use of personal protective clothing and the appropriate administration of antibiotic therapy. Staff are required to communicate any infection risks to the infection control team and, upon receipt of their advice, report hospital-acquired infections in line with the Trust's Incident Reporting Policy.

Non clinical staff and sub-contracted staff – on entering and leaving clinical areas and between contacts with patients all staff should ensure they apply alcohol gel to their hands and be guided by clinical staff as to further preventative measures required. It is also essential for staff to wash their hands frequently with soap and water.

Flu vaccination – All patient-facing staff are required to have the flu vaccination on an annual basis, provided free of charge by the Trust. Staff have a responsibility to encourage adherence with policy amongst colleagues, visitors and patients and should challenge those who do not comply. You are also required to keep up to date with the latest infection control guidance via the documents' library section on the intranet.

10. No smoking

The Trust operates a smoke free policy.

11. Professional association/trade union membership

The Trust is committed to working in partnership with trades unions and actively encourages staff to join any trade union of their choice, subject to any rules for membership that the Trade Union may apply.