

Job Description

Job Title		Acute General Medicine Specialist pharmacist	
Grade	Band 7	IJES	09110
Base (Department/ward)		John Radcliffe – Emergency Assessment Unit	
Hours of work (incl weekend/OOH)		37.5 hours/ week including participation in late night and weekend rotas.	
Details of special conditions		Permanent position subject to probation period in accordance with OUH policy.	
Directorate		Pharmacy and Sterile Services	
Responsible to		AMR directorate specialist pharmacist	
Accountable to		Director of Pharmacy and Sterile Services	
Collaborative Working with		• Clinical pharmacy team • Healthcare professionals in clinical area • Dispensary teams • Purchasing & Distribution (stores) team • Antimicrobial Stewardship team • Medicine Effectiveness team • Medicines Safety & Governance teams • Pharmacy Digital team • Education and Training team	
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Job Summary:

1. Provide and develop the clinical pharmacy services provided to a medical ward according to Trust agreed standards including: prescribing advice, providing advice and counselling on medication to patients, advising on all aspects of medication supply and administration.
2. Work closely with the medical and nursing team to ensure safe and effective medication practices are adhered to.
3. Work with directorate lead and other band 7s in the team to ensure efficient and safe working practices with rotational pharmacists, medicines management technicians and ward- based assistants.
4. Support team members rotating to the Acute medicine and Rehabilitation (AMR) team.
5. Work with the AGM clinical unit team to support strategic developments of the service e.g. improved discharge processes etc and training of the MDT team.
6. Be an active member of the pharmacy department and of AMR Directorate team and ensure continuous two-way exchange of information to maintain high standards of medicines use within the Trust.

Main Tasks and Responsibilities

Direct Patient Care

1. Deliver compassionate excellence via a patient focused clinical pharmacy service, in accordance with national medicines optimisation principles and local clinical pharmacy procedures.
2. Analyse prescriptions, alongside technical resources, patient records and information from patient consults to form an opinion on the most appropriate course of action.
3. Accurately and sensitively communicate medicines related information to a variety of healthcare professionals and patients including those with language difficulties, physical or mental disabilities, in a way that facilitates shared decision making.
4. Optimise transfer of patient care, through timely completion of medicines reconciliation and communication with GPs and community pharmacy teams.
5. Participate in and promote antimicrobial stewardship, medicines safety, and medicines effectiveness initiatives.
6. Where relevant to a rotation complete training in clinical trials and support the supply of investigational medicinal products.
7. Where a scope of practice has been identified within a rotation, train to become a NMP and when registered with the GPhC and the OUH to prescribe within the Trust's policy for Non-medical Prescribing.
8. Support OUH dispensaries, and liaise with external agencies (Such as aseptic production services or homecare providers) to ensure safe, timely and appropriate supply of medications to patients.

Supporting Professional Activities

9. Complete a local induction programme, including core training and maintain core skills throughout employment.
10. Act as a role model for pharmacy within the Trust, demonstrating the GPhC Standards for Pharmacy Professionals and our Trust values.
11. Support and promote the Trust's equality, diversity and inclusion principles and our sustainability model.
12. Plan and organise your own workload in alignment with professional and organisational priorities.
13. Delegate and escalate appropriately.
14. Report any unexpected or untoward events via the Trust's incident reporting system.
15. Work collaboratively with the multidisciplinary team, and the support of your team lead, in developing the pharmacy service in line with the department and Trust strategies in response to changing service needs.
16. Support compliance with medicines related legislative and regulatory requirements, including maintaining the security and quality of medicines stock and be able to develop an action plan for improvements in a designated area.
17. Support the development and implementation of treatment protocols and guidelines for use of medicines within the clinical area.
18. Contribute to and implement the clinical governance plans of the clinical area and the pharmacy clinical governance plans.
19. Participate in, support and lead on Audits, Service evaluation and Quality/Cost Improvement Projects that align to our strategy and support our culture of continuous improvement.
20. Provide specialised professional and technical education at a professional or under-graduate level and at a level that patient/carers can understand in both inpatient and outpatient clinical environments across the primary and secondary care settings.
21. Tutor and support the training of trainee foundation pharmacists and technicians.
22. Any other reasonable duties as requested by the Clinical Director of Pharmacy, or Associate Director of Pharmacy – Clinical Service.

General Conditions

Effort and Environment

- High levels of concentration may need to be maintained for extended period
- Precision and accuracy are essential in pharmacy professionals' work.
- Physical effort may be necessary to stand for prolonged periods, move between departments, lifting & handling equipment or medicines.
- Emotional effort may be required to maintain a calm and compassionate disposition when dealing with distressed patients or relatives. Duties may on occasion be considered to be distressing and/or emotionally demanding.
- Volume of work may occasionally lead to feeling under pressure.
- There is potential for exposure to cytotoxic or cytostatic medicines and bodily fluids.

Risk Management

The management of risk is the responsibility of everyone and will be achieved within a progressive, honest and open environment.

Staff will be provided with the necessary education, training and support to enable them to meet this responsibility.

Staff should be familiar with the

- Major Incident Policy
- Fire Policy
- Information governance

and should make themselves familiar with the 'local response' plan and **their** role within that response.

Responsibilities for Health and Safety

The post holder is responsible for ensuring that all duties and responsibilities of this post are carried out in compliance with the Health & Safety at Work Act 1974, Statutory Regulations and Trust Policies and Procedures. This will be supported by the provision of training and specialist advice where required.

Infection Control

Infection Control is everyone's responsibility. All staff, both clinical and non-clinical, are required to adhere to the Trusts' Infection Prevention and Control Policies and make every effort to maintain high standards of infection control at all times thereby reducing the burden of Healthcare Associated Infections including MRSA.

All staff employed by OUH have the following key responsibilities:

- Staff must wash their hands or use alcohol gel on entry and exit from all clinical areas and/or between each patient contact.
- Staff members have a duty to attend mandatory infection control training provided for them by the Trust.
- Staff members who develop an infection (other than common colds and illness) that may be transmittable to patients have a duty to contact Occupational Health.

Child Protection

The post holder will endeavour at all times to uphold the rights of children and young people in accordance with the UN Convention Rights of the Child.

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

The Trust is committed to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults throughout the organisation. As a member of the trust there is a duty to assist in protecting patients and their families from any form of harm when they are vulnerable.

Information Governance

All staff must complete annual information governance training. If you have a Trust email account this can be completed on-line, otherwise you must attend a classroom session. For further details, go to the Information Governance intranet site.

Data Quality

Data quality is a vital element of every member of staff's job role. Oxford University Hospitals recognises the importance of information in the provision of patient care and in reporting on its performance. Data quality is therefore crucial in ensuring complete, timely and accurate information is available in support of patient care, clinical governance, performance management, service planning, and financial and resource planning and performance.

All staff should ensure that they have read and understood the Trust's Data Quality Policy.

Personal Specifications: Specialist Pharmacist (Band 7)

	Essential Criteria	Desirable	Evidence
Qualifications	Masters Degree (4 year MPharm or equivalent) in Pharmacy Registered as a pharmacist with the General Pharmaceutical Council Post Graduate Certificate in Pharmacy Practice and due to complete the diploma, or equivalent external credentialling via CPPE/ RPS	Post Graduate Diploma/MSc in Pharmacy Practice or experience/ qualification/ credentialling deemed equivalent. Independent Prescriber Edward Jenner Leadership programme or equivalent.	Application Employment checks process
Experience	Direct patient care in more than one one setting or clinical area. Working with other health care professionals Communicating complex information via multiple methods to a variety of recipients. Quality improvement, service evaluation or audit Mentoring and training others in a healthcare setting Taking the lead in a team or project	Hospital experience in more than one setting or clinical area Appreciation of funding streams for medicines budgets. Demonstrating measurable outcomes from quality or service improvement Preparation of protocols or guidelines	Application Interview Portfolio
Personal Skills	Organised and able to manage own time. Evidence based, methodical approach Puzzle/Problem solver Autonomous with awareness of own limitations and knowing when to escalate Excellent oral and written communication skills Accountable and responsible for own decisions	Excellent Clinical Prioritisation Evidence of balancing conflicting priorities Member of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) Member of relevant professional group e.g. UKCPA Ability to travel to all sites including the use of public transport	Interview
Behavioural Skills	Acts in accordance with the Trust values Adaptable and resilient Professional at all times	Leadership Enthusiastic and positive approach	Values Based Interview

	Growth mindset, and continuing professional development. Appreciation of the value of equality diversity and inclusion		
Technical Skills	Working knowledge of Office 365 applications	Experience using Electronic prescribing systems	Application