



The ROYAL MARSDEN

NHS Foundation Trust

Job Features Form

Job features for the post of exposure prone procedures (EPP) workers - Nursing

The post may include the following but is not exhaustive.

Job features		Job features		Job features	
Exposure prone procedures *	✓	Hazardous substances	✓	Extreme temperature (hot or cold environment)	
Patient contact	✓	Managing people	✓	Working with hard wood dust	
Exposure to body fluids	✓	Ionising radiation		Working in a stressful environment	✓
Food handling		Driving as part of the job			
Night work or unsocial hours	✓	Waste handling			
Lone working	✓	Manual handling	✓		
Working with children/vulnerable adults	✓	Specialist equipment, for example power hammers			
Working at heights for example using ladders		Overseas travel for work purposes			
Working with animals		Working in confined spaces			

***Exposure prone procedure (EPP)**

“Exposure prone procedures (EPP) are those where there is a risk that injury to the worker may result in the exposure of the patient’s open tissues to the blood of the worker. These include procedures where the worker’s gloved hands may be in contact with sharp instruments, needle tips and sharp tissues (e.g. spicules of bone or teeth) inside the patients open body cavity, wound or confined anatomical space where the hands or fingertips may not be completely visible at all times”. *Department of Health 1998, General Principles of BBV Infection Control and Exposure Prone Procedures.*

All staff in this group must be seen in occupational health (OH) prior to your start date with the Trust. Without documentary clearance from the occupational health department employees are not permitted to undertake exposure prone procedures.

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