Consultant Vascular Surgeon
Job Profile / Specification

Job Title: Consultant General Surgeon with a special interest in Vascular Surgery
Category Type: Category B
Area Of Assignment: Vascular Surgery
Reporting Relationship: CEO / Clinical Director
Assignment: St. James’s Hospital (30hrs) / Adelaide & Meath Hospital, Dublin incorporating the National Children’s Hospital (3.5hrs) / HSE DML (Tullamore Hospital) (3.5hrs)

Vascular Surgery Unit, ST. JAMES’S HOSPITAL

The Vascular Surgical Unit at St. James’s Hospital is a regional referral centre for a catchment area of over five hundred thousand people. The unit is staffed by four full time vascular surgeons (including this replacement post) and a Senior Lecturer in Vascular diseases.

The unit has two Specialist Surgical registrar posts and an Endovascular Fellow post which has over the years been filled by trainees from all around the world.

There are two stand alone non invasive laboratories; one dealing mainly with in-hospital referrals and arterial out patient clinics and the other in the free standing Veins Unit. These are staffed by six full-time vascular technicians.

The department provides a full range of vascular surgical services and provides five arterial and two venous clinics every week. There are operating theatre lists scheduled four days a week in the main operating theatres and also in the dedicated Endovascular theatre.

In its early years the unit had a special interest in researching and developing carotid surgery and published many important research papers on this area. It then turned its attention to developing a surgeon-led endovascular services and opened the only endovascular theatre in Ireland in 2001. In the last fourteen years endovascular stenting of aneurysms, both abdominal and thoracic, has been pioneered and more than 400 cases have been performed including the use of fenestrated and branched graft technology. Endovascular aneurysm repair is now the preferred treatment modality for close to 80% of all conventional infra-renal aneurysms referred to the unit.

As a result of this interest the department rolled-out a community-based aneurysm screening programme for all GPs in our catchment area. To date in excess of 2400 patients have been scanned and 160 patients with aneurysmal disease have been identified. The program was shortlisted for the Healthcare Innovations Awards for 2011.

The surgeons work in close collaboration with their cardio-thoracic surgical colleagues and carry out hybrid repairs of complex thoraco-abdominal aneurysms. St. James’s is also fortunate to work closely with The Centre of Advanced Medical Imaging, an MRI research facility.

The department is involved in several MDTs, including a diabetic foot clinic and a weekly meeting with the Stroke physician, who runs a daily TIA clinic.

The Veins Unit is well recognised in the management of venous ulceration and venous disease. Plans are well underway to establish an office based treatment centre for varicose veins and the holder of this position would be expected to advance and develop these areas and have a significant input into the varicose veins waiting list. The unit has established itself as a centre renowned for training vascular surgeons not only from Ireland but from across the globe and the successful candidate will be expected to be part of this training ethos.
The Vascular Unit in AMNCH is a tertiary referral centre and an affiliated teaching hospital of Trinity College Dublin. It provides in-patient and out-patient vascular surgery services to the population of South West Dublin, West Wicklow and all of Kildare - a combined population of more than 500,000. It performs approx 650 major vascular procedures per year and 300 minor procedures.

Outpatient and inpatient services are provided in AMNCH while an outreach service is also provided in Naas General Hospital and Newbridge Health Centre monthly.

The unit is staffed by three Consultant Surgeons. This Consultant team is supported by two senior trainees, one basic surgical trainee and two pre-registration house officers. There is a fully equipped vascular laboratory with three full time technicians and administrative support. There are three vascular outpatient clinics per week in AMNCH plus a diabetic foot clinic on alternate weeks, and there is five day access to the operating theatres.

Non-operative treatment, open surgery, and endovascular surgery is offered for the full range of vascular disorders including aortic disease, carotid disease, peripheral arterial disease, venous and lymphatic disorders. Treatment is provided in a collaborative fashion with medical and anaesthetic specialists.

The first endovascular repair of an abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) was performed in 1996 and more than half of all AAA repairs are now performed endovascularly (EVAR) including fenestrated and branched grafts. EVAR repair has now been extended to emergency repairs in selected patients.

Peripheral angioplasty in the unit is performed by vascular surgeons and there is sufficient volume to provide the opportunity for endovascular accreditation of vascular trainees during a years training. As there is a large diabetic population locally, a significant number of open lower limb reconstructions to the infra-popliteal or pedal vessels are also performed per year. A combined vascular and endocrinology diabetic foot clinic began in 2008 and this has led to a significant reduction in the number of major amputations performed.

There is a fully staffed stroke rehabilitation unit in AMNCH with a growing demand for carotid surgery. In addition, patients with carotid disease are assessed in a multidisciplinary (vascular, stroke medicine, neurology) rapid access TIA clinics and discussed at a multidisciplinary meeting once a week. Carotid stent/angioplasty is offered to symptomatic patients not suitable for open surgery. There is a large dialysis unit in the hospital and a high demand for primary and revision vascular access work.

The management of superficial and deep venous problems has been an important source of clinical research in our unit over the past 10 years.

This is also an award winning teaching unit that has developed innovative teaching programmes (including e-learning) for undergraduate medical students, postgraduate surgical trainees, and vascular laboratory students.
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MIDLAND REGIONAL - TULLAMORE GENERAL HOSPITAL

The General Hospital, Tullamore has a bed complement of 229 covering the following specialties - General Surgical, Medical, ICU, CCU, and regional specialties for Orthopaedics and ENT. Mr. Prakash Madhavan provides the Vascular service for the Midlands in conjunction with the other Vascular Surgeons in St. James’s Hospital. A vascular outpatient clinic is run every alternate Wednesday.

The Hospital has a non-invasive Vascular Laboratory with two dedicated Senior Vascular Technicians. Equipment includes a Flow Laboratory and a colour coded Doppler scanner.

The Out-Patients Department caters for patients with arterial and venous disorders.

St. James’s Hospital

3 hours per week for inpatient care and ward rounds
3.5hrs per week for day care activity
14 hrs per week for theatre activity
Diagnostic / Treatment activity as required
5 hrs for Outpatients
2 hrs Consult service
Partake in on-call service

Adelaide & Meath Hospital incorporating the National Children’s Hospital

3.5hrs Consult Service

Midland Regional Hospital Tullamore (DML)

3.5 hrs Consult service

Qualifications

Professional Qualifications, experience etc

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of General Surgery
And
Two years postgraduate training and experience in vascular surgery

Entry to competition / recruitment process

For the purposes of eligibility for entry to any competition or recruitment process associated with this post, a candidate cannot be appointed as a Medical Consultant unless (s)he is registered as a Specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council of Ireland. Successful candidates must be registered as a Specialist in the relevant Specialty on the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council of Ireland within 180 days of the day of interview.

Main role, duties and responsibilities

The post is a full-time replacement for Mr. Dermot Moore. The post is based in St James’s Hospital but will also has an access link to the Adelaide & Meath Hospital, Dublin incorporating the National Children’s Hospital, Tallaght (AMNCH) and to Tullamore Regional Hospital which facilitates a continuing service to vascular patients and will allow the post holder to take part in the shared emergency rota between St James’s and AMNCH for the supra-regional area.
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The appointee will participate in a close working relationship with the other three vascular surgeons in St James’s, share in the Vascular Team workload and participate in the hospital vascular rota. The appointee will have access to vascular theatres and outpatient facilities for open and endovascular procedures and for venous disease treatment. The appointee will be expected to engage in the vascular audit program and to attend the Team Multidisciplinary meetings on a weekly basis.

The appointee will take part in teaching undergraduate and post graduate for students from TCD and for trainees from the RCSI.

The appointee will be expected to pursue and develop the endovascular treatments presently carried out at St James’s and to carry out research into these techniques.

Ideally the candidate will have completed a specialist training fellowship in vascular surgery with special interest in endovascular treatments. It is expected that the candidate will have a track record in areas of vascular research and publication in peer reviewed journals.

**Particulars of Office**

1. The appointment is permanent and pensionable
2. Annual Leave allowance is 31 days
3. The person appointed must not give less than three month’s notice, in writing, of intention to resign.
4. Normal working hours will be 39hrs

**Health**

A candidate for and any person holding the office must be fully competent and capable of undertaking the duties attached to the office and be in a state of health such as would indicate a reasonable prospect of ability to render regular and efficient service

**Enquiries**

Informal enquiries to: Mr. Prakash Madhavan, Consultant Vascular Surgeon, email: pmadhavan@stjames.ie

**Application Process**

Applications can be made on-line by submitting a detailed Curriculum Vitae to consultantappointments@stjames.ie

Alternatively, applications may be made in writing, to include curriculum vitae, together with the names and addresses of three referees, two of whom should be from recent appointments to: The Medical Workforce Unit, Human Resources Directorate, Hospital 1 Top Floor, St. James’s Hospital, James’s Street, Dublin, 8.

**Closing Date for Applications – 23rd February 2014.**

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