

## Information for pharmacy undergraduates

## Summer vacation placements 2020

Question:	Answer:
Name of Trust/Cluster	St George's University Hospital
How many vacation placements do you have for 2020?	12 (4 per month for June, July and August)
Is the vacation experience paid or unpaid?	Unpaid
Do you prioritise specific types of students? (eg 3 <sup>rd</sup> years) If yes, please provide details	3 <sup>rd</sup> year students only
When do applications open?	01/12/19
When do application close?	01/01/20
How should I apply for a vacation placement?	Via application form
When is the interview date?	TBC
When will I be notified if I have been successful?	28/02/2020
Who should I contact for more information or send the application to?	Fatima Zahra Denideni <a href="mailto:Fatima.denideni@nhs.net">Fatima.denideni@nhs.net</a> 02087251579
<b>Further information on the Trust:</b>	
<p>With nearly 8,500 dedicated staff caring for patients around the clock, we are the largest healthcare provider in southwest London. St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust serves a population of 1.3 million across southwest London. A large number of services, such as cardiothoracic medicine and surgery, neurosciences and renal transplantation, also cover significant populations from Surrey and Sussex, totaling around 3.5 million people</p>	

Our main site, St George's Hospital in Tooting – one of the country's principal teaching hospitals – is shared with St George's University of London, which trains medical students and carries out advanced medical research. St George's Hospital also hosts the St George's University of London and Kingston University Faculty of Health and Social Care Sciences, which is responsible for training a wide range of healthcare professionals from across the region. A number of our services are members of established clinical networks which bring together doctors, nurses and other clinicians from a range of healthcare providers working to improve the quality of services for patients.

#### Clinical Services

Clinical pharmacists work Trust wide to improve patient care and optimise the safe use of medications. Prescribing pharmacists work across several specialist areas to provide advanced pharmaceutical care to our patients

Each clinical service is tailored to meet the needs of the individual directorate and focuses of the provision of patient centered care.

#### Patient Services

The supply of medicines is the backbone of the overall Pharmacy service. Patient services are more complex and varied than simply putting tablets in a bottle. The legal and moral responsibilities of a dispensing pharmacist are considerable and the training is designed to ensure that these are identified for practice, both competently and professionally.

#### Technical Services

The main sterile preparation areas provide a parenteral nutrition service, cytotoxic drug reconstitution and intravenous additive services. A full range of all pharmaceutical preparations are available from our non-sterile compounding facility. An assembly unit pre-packages bulk supplies and pharmaceuticals incorporating radioisotopes are produced within a specialist unit by trained pharmacists and technicians.

#### Medicines Information

The Medicines Information centre aims to support the safe, effective and efficient use of medicines by the provision of evidence-based answers to enquiries. The centre informs both the department and the Trust of medication alerts, supply issues and changes in practice to ensure timely dissemination of patient safety issues.

#### Quality Control Laboratory

The QC Lab ensures that medicines made in the hospital meet the required standards. Policies are in place for ensuring raw materials are of assured reliability specification and quality.