

# HEPATOLOGY ATP



Leeds Liver Unit  
St James's University Hospital

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# OVERVIEW

- 6 or 12 month rotation in Leeds
- Rota shared with 2 NTN, 1 other ATP, research SpRs, hepatology fellow
- Fabulous mix of:
  - Transplant and non-transplant advanced hepatology
  - Inpatient & outpatient, pre- and post-transplant management
  - Speciality hepatology clinics including HCC/portal hypertension/immune liver disease/transplant clinics
  - Involvement in ICU care of liver patients
  - In house oncalls in the liver unit
  - Opportunity to provide advice for external referrals
  - Opportunity for audit/research/clinical governance/service development
  - Involvement in the wider MDT including transplant MDT/histopathology meeting/radiology meeting

# THE ROTA

- Rota flexes between 1/7-1/10 rolling rota
- Each 7-10 weeks includes
  - ❖ Standard day (08:00-17:00) - clinics, admin/projects, ward cover
  - ❖ Mon-Thurs dedicated oncall week (08:00-20:15) - Consultant led WR and afternoon board round plus review of new admissions, external referrals
  - ❖ Fri/Sat/Sunday long days (08:00-20:15) - Consultant led WR in the morning, ward reviews, new admissions, external referrals
  - ❖ Mon-Thurs resident nights (20:00 - 08:15) - ward reviews, new admissions, external referrals
  - ❖ Fri/Sat/Sunday resident nights (20:00 - 08:15)
  - ❖ Not on GI bleed rota

# ONCALL

- Provide hepatology and liver transplantation services for patients across Yorkshire, the Humber, Lincolnshire and North West of England
- Most common external referrals include:
  - POD
  - Non-POD acute liver injury/ALF
  - Post-transplant patients with abnormal LFTs
  - Management of immunosuppression
  - Decompensated cirrhosis with a view for inpatient transfer for transplant assessment
  - Variceal bleeds for TIPSS/embolisation
  - Vascular problems e.g. blocked TIPSS, PVT

# THE WARD

- Inpatients mainly on ward J83; majority are post-transplant patients as J83 is a 'cold' ward. Patients on other wards, mainly with non-transplant hepatology issues
- Consultant ward round each morning for transplant patients
- Additional board round in the afternoon to discuss results, optimisation of immunosuppression
- SpR led ward rounds for majority of outliers
- SpRs involved in organising investigations/liaising with other specialties/clerking new admissions including patients admitted for elective procedures and liver transplantation/reviewing patients on day case unit and following interventions (e.g. TIPSS, TACE, RFA, liver biopsy)/assessing patients in the immediate post-transplant period in ICU

# CLINICS

- Minimum 2 clinics per week when not oncall
- Mixture to suit your educational needs including pre- and post-transplant, immune liver disease, viral hepatitis, HCC, portal hypertension
- Mix of telephone and F2F
- Clinic letters and results are discussed with clinical supervisor to explore decision-making strategies and promote learning from cases encountered

# OTHER REGULAR EVENTS/MDTs

| Mon                 | Tues  | Wed                                   | Thur           | Fri                    |
|---------------------|---|---------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Transplant MDT      | Breakfast club -<br>mix of clinical<br>topics and<br>journal club | Radiology MDT                         | Live donor MDT | Viral hepatitis<br>MDT |
| Histology MDT       |   | Microbiology<br>MDT for<br>inpatients |                | Liver cancer<br>MDT    |
| Transplant<br>forum |   |                                       |                |                        |

Transplant forum and breakfast club are CPD events

Once monthly clinical governance meeting

Opportunity to attend external educational events including BASL school of hepatology, EASL etc.

# USEFUL CONTACTS

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