



GENERAL SURGEON

Countries: AFGHANISTAN, SIERRA LEONE, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Projects: Anabah (AFG), Kabul (AFG), Lashkar-gah (AFG), Goderich (SL), Bangui (CAR)

Type of contract: paid - 6 months

Language required: English and/or French

This role requires complete and autonomous management of general surgical procedures (including major surgical procedures), and shared clinical responsibility in post-operative care.

BACKGROUND AND ORGANISATION OF WORK

In carrying out your duties, you will work alongside and supervise the local surgical colleagues, and collaborate with the international specialist Orthopaedic Surgeon, where present. At times, a resident physician (General Surgery) will be present to support clinical activity or research. The international surgeon will report to the Medical Coordinator, who is in charge of the management and organisation of the project.

The principal areas in which you will work are:

OPERATING THEATRES: 2-3 operating theatres for General Surgery (emergency and elective) and Orthopaedic Trauma Surgery based on the admissions criteria of the Centre;

WARDS: 3-4 wards comprising a total of 70-90 beds.

The general surgeon is usually present in the hospital from 08:00 til 16:00, but is on-call 24/7 in case of emergency (including possible Mass Casualties). Daily activity includes: ward round, work in the Emergency Department and Operating Theatres. The team is completed by local and international Operating Theatre specialists - anaesthetist, anaesthetic technicians, OT nurses. The general surgeon organises the rota of the local staff in his/her area of responsibility, guaranteeing staff coverage 24/7.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

All EMERGENCY international personnel are expected to know and follow the hospital admissions criteria, guide lines, protocols, and the diagnosis and treatment standards in use in the Centre, and to ensure the correct compilation of clinical records and statistics in both computer and paper formats.

The main duties and responsibilities of the international general surgeon are:

- management of general surgical procedures;
- participation in the post-operative care and clinical management of surgical patients;
- mentoring of resident physicians (where present);
- assist with clinical research and record keeping as required by the scientific programmes of the specialist sector of the Medical Division of EMERGENCY.

Clinical activity and decisions regarding patient care must be discussed and agreed with the anaesthetist, the surgical specialists, the international nursing personnel, and the Medical Coordinator of the project.

MANAGEMENT AND TRAINING OF LOCAL PERSONNEL

Clinical activities and patient care are always carried out alongside and in collaboration with local personnel, who thus benefit from training in the field. There is also provision for more specific teaching activities, managed by the international specialists, in accordance with the clinical protocols in use and as agreed with the Medical Coordinator.

CASELOAD

The caseload varies according to the project and the admissions criteria of the hospital: War Surgery, Emergency Surgery and Elective Surgery. The technological level of the equipment present in the Centres is suited to the clinical and managerial protocols in use, and the level of professional autonomy of the national staff, with the aim of achieving - and sustaining - high standards of care. Diagnostic equipment, basic laboratory tests, technical and auxiliary services are always available.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- Medical Degree and current professional registration on the medical register of your country of residence;
- specialisation in General Surgery with at least 5 years' relevant professional experience as first surgeon;
- hospital experience in the General, Emergency and/or Trauma surgery departments.

TO APPLY

If you are interested in working with EMERGENCY in a medical capacity and you fulfil the general and specific requirements set out on the website please send your CV and cover letter (specifying in the subject which position you are applying for) to:

RECRUITMENT@EMERGENCYUK.ORG

During the selection process you will be evaluated on the basis of your CV, cover letter, questionnaire, references and individual interview.