



GYNAECOLOGIST - FEMALE PERSONNEL ONLY

Countries: AFGHANISTAN

Projects: Anabah (AFG)

Type of contract: paid - 6 months

Language required: English

This role requires complete and autonomous management (including surgical procedures) in both Gynaecology and Obstetrics, and considerable experience in carrying out ultrasound.

BACKGROUND AND ORGANISATION OF WORK

The international and national staffs of the Centre are composed exclusively of female personnel, with the exception of the paediatrician (Neonatology) and the general surgeon.

The international specialist coordinates, supervises and works alongside the local personnel (over 30 nurses and midwives) in the treatment of gynaecological and obstetric pathologies, in the operating theatre and the Out Patients Dept. You will work in collaboration with the general surgeon to meet certain clinical requirements. At times a resident physician (Obstetrics and Gynaecology) will be present to support clinical activity or research.

The international gynaecologist is responsible to the Medical Coordinator, who is in charge of the management and organisation of the project.

The departments in which you may be required to work:

OUT PATIENT DEPARTMENT: treatment room and ultrasound room;

WARDS: 39 bed ward;

DELIVERY ROOM;

OPERATING THEATRE: equipped to carry out the main obstetric and gynaecological emergency procedures.

The international gynaecologist is present in the hospital 6 days a week, and is always on-call in case of emergency. The staff management plan provides for one specialist in Gynaecology and Obstetrics and 2 international midwives, alongside local nurses and midwives. Following the accreditation of the Centre as part of the national Health authority in 2011, local doctors specialising in Obstetrics and Gynaecology are also present.

DUTIES AND REPONSIBILITIES

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 specialist in Obstetrics and Gynaecology are:

- Management of obstetric and gynaecological pathologies;
- Management, supervision and coordination of activity in operating theatre;
- Responsibility for the Obstetric Emergency Department, clinic and ward;
- Mentoring of resident physicians (where present);
- To assist with clinical research and record keeping as required by the scientific programmes of the specialist sector of the Medical Division of EMERGENCY.

MANAGEMENT AND TRAINING OF LOCAL PERSONNEL

The international gynaecologist works with the midwife to provide on-the-job training in both theory and practice to the national trainee medical colleagues, midwives and nurses.

This is achieved through working alongside the national staff on a day-to-day basis, and constantly monitoring the level of clinical independence reached. 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.

Since 2011 the specialist has been responsible for the training of Afghan (female) doctors undertaking specialisation at our Centre, by means of lectures, but above all through on-the-job training.

CASELOAD AND EQUIPMENT

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.

MATERNITY CENTRE - Anabah, Afghanistan

The Maternity Centre is the only facility in the region specialising in Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Neonatology. It is open 24 hours a day for emergencies, and 6 days a week for clinical services. The Centre is the referral point for a web of First Aid Posts (FAPs) and health centres operating an antenatal care programme.

Every day an average of 10 babies are born at the Centre; over 3,700 (per year) based on the figures for 2011.

Both expert and resident gynaecologists are faced with pathologies and obstetric complications of a significantly different nature and frequency from those encountered in their home countries. Eclampsia, uterine rupture, placenta praevia, placental abruption and major foetal

malformations are not uncommon. Vaginal delivery of breech presentations, twins and following a previous Caesarean section are routine procedures. The main risk factors in terms of obstetric pathologies among the local population are grand multiparity, scarce antenatal monitoring and care (and consequent extreme difficulty in making an early diagnosis of pathology, e.g. hypertension), and not infrequent consanguineous marriage.

The available equipment includes:

OPD: ultrasound with vaginal and abdominal probes;

DELIVERY ROOM: cardiotocography, Kiwi ventouse cup, sets for episiotomy and suturing of lacerations;

OPERATING THEATRE: multiple sets for Caesarean section, abdominal and vaginal hysterectomy, curettage; a vacuum aspiration device is also available.

Diagnostics and technical and auxiliary services, along with a group of staff specialised in operating theatres are guaranteed by the Surgical and Medical Centre which is part of the facility.

GUIDELINES, PROTOCOLS AND EQUIPMENT

Further information on the guidelines, protocols and clinical services relevant to the post along with details of the instruments and equipment available will be provided at interview and during the period of preparation for the mission.

The general requirements and conditions are the same as for other international personnel roles.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- Medical Degree, and current professional registration on the medical register of your country of residence;
- Specialisation in Obstetrics and Gynaecology with at least 5 years' relevant professional experience;
- Relevant experience in hospitals with a birth centre;
- Experience in the delivery room and in the main obstetric and gynaecological surgical procedures;
- This role is open to female personnel only.

REQUIRED AVAILABILITY

6 months' overseas stay including a period of leave, which may be taken at the end of the mission in agreement with the coordinator. Shorter missions may only be considered for specific needs as defined by the organisation.

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.