



ORTHOPAEDIC AND TRAUMA SURGEON

Countries: AFGHANISTAN, SIERRA LEONE

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

Type of contract: Paid - 6 months

Language required: English

This role requires the complete and autonomous management of orthopaedic and trauma surgical procedures, and of orthopaedic out-patients. You will share the management of polytrauma patients with the general surgeon, and cooperate with all the health personnel (doctors, nurses and physiotherapist) in the care of patients admitted to the hospital.

BACKGROUND AND ORGANISATION OF WORK

The international specialist in Orthopaedics and Trauma supervises, teaches and works alongside the national medical colleagues and collaborates with the international physiotherapist - where present - in the physiotherapy care plan and the management of plaster casts. In the absence of an international physiotherapist, you will also supervise the work of the national physiotherapists.

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 orthopaedic surgeon is usually present in the hospital from 08:00 till 16:00, but is on-call 24/7 in case of emergency (including possible Mass Casualties). Daily activity includes: ward round, clinic, work in the Emergency Department and Operating Theatres. The team is completed by local and international Operating Theatre specialists - anaesthetist, anaesthetic technicians, theatre nurses.

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 Orthopaedic Surgeon are:

- evaluation of orthopaedic patients and their respective treatment options;
- management of orthopaedic trauma surgical procedures;
- assist in the clinical care management of orthopaedic patients;
- supervise and participate in the orthopaedic out-patients clinic;
- 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 must be discussed and agreed with the anaesthetist, the surgical specialists, the international nursing personnel, and the Medical Coordinator of the project.

MANAGEMENT OF SUPPLY ORDERS

The orthopaedic surgeon is responsible for checking the provision of orthopaedic surgical instruments and equipment, and informing the Medical Coordinator of any requirements.

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, but the main orthopaedic pathologies encountered are:

open and closed fractures;

osteomyelitis (only for patients already treated);

delayed union and pseudoarthrosis;

reconstructive plastic surgery (Skin grafts and muscle and/or fasciocutaneous flaps);

surgery for vascular injuries of the limbs (blood vessel repair and vein grafts).

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- Medical Degree, and current professional registration on the medical register of your country of residence;
- specialisation in Orthopaedics and Trauma with at least 5 years' relevant professional experience;

- hospital experience in the Trauma department would be an advantage.

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.