



## **PAEDIATRICIAN (NEONATOLOGY)**

Countries: AFGHANISTAN

Projects: Anabah (AFG)

Type of contract: paid - 6 months

Language required: English

This role requires complete and autonomous capacity in the diagnosis and clinical management of paediatric patients - particularly clinical emergencies - and of neonatal pathologies.

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### **BACKGROUND AND ORGANISATION OF WORK**

The international paediatrician supervises, coordinates and works alongside the national medical personnel in the Paediatrics department - both in the clinic and on the ward - in collaboration with an international paediatric nurse. You will join the team of international specialists at the Maternity Centre - gynaecologists, midwives and nurse - and be responsible for clinical activity in the Neonatology area.

The international paediatrician 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 PATIENTS DEPARTMENT:** treatment room, also equipped for the management of medical emergencies;

**PAEDIATRIC WARD:** 12 bed paediatric ward;

**NEONATOLOGY:** Special Care Baby Unit (Level I), neonatal follow-up, and nursery.

The paediatrician will be present in the hospital 6 days a week, will carry out medical examinations and participate in the ward round. You'll be on-call 24/7 in case of paediatric/neonatal emergencies, both on the ward and in the delivery room.

The international paediatrician collaborates with the organisation of the national doctors' rota to guarantee medical care coverage 24/7.

### **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 Paediatrician/Neonatologist:

- Diagnosis and management of the main paediatric illnesses;
- management of paediatric emergencies;
- management of the paediatric ward;
- management of the Level I Special Care Baby Unit;
- to 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 treatment must always be discussed and shared with the national doctors and nurses, the international paediatric nurse 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 AND EQUIPMENT**

The technological level of the equipment present in the Centre 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.

The basic reference tool is the EMERGENCY book of Paediatric Guide Lines, updated in January 2013.

#### **SURGICAL AND MEDICAL CENTRE - Anabah, Afghanistan**

In 2003 the EMERGENCY Surgical and Medical Centre in Anabah broadened its admissions criteria to include Paediatrics and Maternity (Gynaecology, Obstetrics and Neonatology).

**PAEDIATRICS** - The Centre includes an Emergency Department and a clinic for medical examinations. Each month an average of 400-500 paediatric medical examinations are carried out in collaboration with the national medical staff; around 10% require admission to the ward. The paediatric ward is situated in the hospital wing housing the other wards.

Oxygen supplies, pulse oximeter, nebuliser equipment, syringe and infusion pumps and suction equipment are always available.

**NEONATOLOGY** - The Maternity Centre is the only facility in the area specialising in Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Neonatology. Every day an average of ten babies are born at the Centre; over 3700 based on the figures for 2011. The protocols in use provide for the positioning of umbilical

vein catheters and neonatal transfusions; endotracheal intubation is reserved for severe cases of meconium aspiration. The most common conditions which the specialist has to manage are: Low Birth Weight, meconium aspiration syndrome, an Apgar score of less than 7 at 5 minutes, respiratory distress and neonatal infections.

Good neonatal resuscitation skills are therefore required. The ward is equipped with oxygen supplies, pulse oximeter, neonatal isolettes, incubators and phototherapy lamps.

### **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 Paediatrics with at least 5 years' professional experience;
- relevant hospital experience;
- clinical experience on Paediatric wards and/or Neonatology.

### **REQUIRED AVAILABILITY**

6 months' overseas stay including a period of leave to 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](mailto:RECRUITMENT@EMERGENCYUK.ORG)**

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