



## NEUROLOGY

The Neurology team works on the 36 bed hyper-acute, acute and rehab stroke unit (Eastwood Ward), and with the Stroke early supported discharge service (ESD). The ESD team operates as an outreach service from the hospital.

Adjacent to Eastwood ward is a purpose built rehabilitation unit (Speedwell Therapy Unit) where the Neurology OT team is based.

The Neurology OT team will also see inpatients on other wards with neurological conditions that require specialist assessment.

Multi-disciplinary teamwork is a key element of these placements and good time management, prioritisation and discharge planning skills are essential.

The OT department at Chesterfield Royal Hospital has approximately 45 members of staff over a number of specialities. There are 12 members of staff on the Neurology team, comprising of full and part time staff, including support staff.

### COMMON CONDITIONS

- Stroke
- Brain Injury
- Hypoxic Brain Injury
- Other Neurological conditions

### LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

You will have the opportunity too:

- See the complete stroke pathway from admission to discharge and first 6 weeks at home.
- Undertake initial assessments of neurologically impaired patients.
- Complete functional assessments with patients of varying levels of disabilities.
- Undertake cognitive screening.
- To gain experience of specialist neurological assessment of cognition.
- Gain awareness of Upper Limb assessment and treatment.
- Gain understanding of issues surrounding complex discharge.

## READING LIST AND USEFUL LINKS:

- Please review and start the core competencies on the STARS online training before your placement. This gives an overview of stroke pathology and treatment, the more you manage to do of this the better.
- 'Occupational Therapy and Stroke', Judi Edmunds.
- 'Neuropsychology for Occupational Therapists: Cognition in Occupational Performance', June Grieves and Linda Granasekaran.
- National Clinical Guidelines for Stroke.
- Sentinel Stroke National Audit Programme (SSNAP).

### Student Working Hours :

Monday – Friday 8:30 – 16:30 (weekend working optional)

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