



THE MEDICAL TEAM

The Medical OT team provide services within the Medical and Emergency Care Division. The Medical Unit has eight wards including frailty unit and transitional care ward.

Specialties include Haematology, Cardiology, Respiratory, gastroenterology, Endocrinology and Diabetes. General medicine and health care of the elderly are fully integrated across the Unit. There is also an Admissions Avoidance team providing OT services within the emergency department and medical assessment unit.

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 specialties.

COMMON CONDITIONS

- Dementia
- Delirium
- UTI's
- Cancer & end of life
- Heart failure
- Falls
- Diabetes
- COPD
- Parkinsons
- Respiratory Infection

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- Apply the OT process from referral through to discharge planning in the acute setting.
- Work closely as part of the MDT and be involved with decision making and the planning process to facilitate safe and effective treatment.
- Gain experience of the OT role within a Medical unit and how caseloads are managed on a day to day basis.
- Learn to identify appropriate referrals to the OT service.
- Conduct initial interviews and functional assessments including transfer, personal Activities of Daily Living (ADL) and Domestic ADL assessment.
- Work with patients and their carers/family.
- Participate in access visits and home visits.
- Liaise with, and refer to, other services within the MDT including Physiotherapy, Adult Care Team and Community teams.
- Assist with the following assessments: Moving and Handling, Cognitive and Wheel chair.
- Learn about service developments with discharge to assess and manage Admissions Avoidance in the Emergency department and the Frailty Unit.

STUDENT WORKING HOURS

Monday – Friday 8:30 – 16:30. The Medical team provides a seven day service – there is an option to work with your educator at the weekend.

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