**Imperial College Skullbase Fellowship job description**

The appointment aims to offer subspecialty training in skull base surgery for senior neurosurgical trainees who have completed their general neurosurgical training (post FRCS exam).

The skull base fellow will be responsible for the management of patients with skull base pathology under the care of Mr Mendoza and Mr Nair.

The clinical fellow will also provide support in the outpatient clinics.

The fellow is also expected to provide support and training, through supervision, to more junior trainees working in the team and also contribute to the regular teaching sessions of the department. The fellow will also contribute to a 1/10 on call rota.

Research to the level of presentations at national and international meetings, and publication in peer reviewed high impact factor journals is expected.

The skull base neurosurgical team at Charing Cross Hospital has well established connections with the ENT, endocrine and neuro-radiology teams. Weekly multidisciplinary meetings for skull base, pituitary surgery, neuro-oncology and neuroradiology are in place.

The two supervising consultants are Mr. Mendoza and Mr. Nair.

Mr Mendoza is the clinical lead of the Neurosurgical department and a senior consultant neurosurgeon with interests in skull base, pituitary surgery, and the surgical treatment of neurovascular conflicts of cranial nerves.

Mr. Nair is consultant neurosurgeon with interests in skull base and vascular surgery.

The daily schedule starts with the morning handover, which is followed by the ward and the intensive care rounds. The clinical fellow will benefit from getting involved the elective theatre lists of Mr. Mendoza and Mr. Nair

The fellow is also expected to assist and support cadaveric skull base dissection teaching sessions, currently run on a regular basis by Mr. Nair.

During the duration of the fellowship the trainee is expected to develop the clinical decision making and microsurgical and endoscopic skills necessary for the surgical management of pituitary disease, skull base tumours, microvascular decompression of cranial nerves, surgical management of cerebral aneurysms and arteriovenous malformations***.*** The team, amongst the pioneers in the endoscopic skull base procedures in the UK, also offers the opportunity to acquire significant experience by assisting endoscopic endonasal skull base procedures for excision of pituitary tumours or anterior skullbase tumours.

The Neurosurgical department at Charing Cross hospital operates 26 ward beds (4 of which high dependency), also shares a 12 bed ICU. The department offers neurosurgical services (excluding polytrauma) to a catchment area of 2.5 million people in west London, although for subspecialty services like pituitary surgery, the catchment area is much higher as we received significant number of referrals from outside our geographical area.

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