

Training Profile for Montgomery House Surgery

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Montgomery House Surgery was founded around 1914-18 by Drs Montgomery & House. It is one of the oldest practices in Bicester and so has a higher proportion of elderly patients compared to the average for Bicester. It has been a training practice for 25yrs, our senior partner was the first registrar. The practice aims to give a high quality personal service to our patients, to improve clinical standards and to have a happy team. The practice has developed rapidly over the past 9 years, moving from a cramped building shared with another practice, to a spacious purpose built surgery in 1998. With this came a new computer system & the start of a gradual shift to paperless practice, a process that has reached a high degree of sophistication but continues to develop.

Population

We have a semi-rural practice population, dispensing to 25% of our patients. Our list is 12,000 patients, mainly SEC 4 and 5 who provide a very wide range of experiences for our registrars.

PCHT

The practice has 7 partners, 2 assistants and one registrar. We have a full compliment of staff: practice nurses, health care assistants, manager, audit clerk, audit & summarisation clerks. The building houses the local health visitor and district nursing teams. We host clinics also in drugs & alcohol management, child health surveillance, antenatal, ophthalmology, paediatrics, and our senior partner is a GP with special interest in ENT.

Doctors clinical special interests in addition to ENT include psychiatry, drugs & alcohol management, minor surgery & joint injections, and terminal care. Our lead nurse is also one of 2 community diabetes lead nurses for the PCT.

We hope to maintain a happy & cohesive team. All are readily accessible and happy to contribute to training both formally and informally.

Training & Education

We are fortunate in having a wealth of training interest & experience in the practice. Apart from the current trainer, we have 2 ex-trainers (one also ex-course organiser) and one previously accredited trainer. All doctors take part in training: they all give tutorials, take part in debriefing & shared surgeries. The nursing team are also involved with training.

We run a cycle of weekly educational meetings within the practice. These cover clinical updates, audit presentations, significant event meetings, video consultation analysis, IT updates and a journal club.

Registrars take an active part in all aspects of the practice, including all meetings, presenting at educational meetings. The local group of practices run a weekly educational meeting with invited outside speakers.

The registrar has his own room with PC, internet access and audio-visual equipment.

IT

We are paperless & use the EMIS clinical system. The current and ex-trainers have a special interest in IT; as a result we feel we make good use of the opportunities that IT brings to patient management, teaching & learning. The hardware has all been replaced over the last 2 years and we have recently installed a new telephone system.

We have an intranet that started out as a registrar's handbook and has grown to become the repository of contact details, local guidelines and protocols, record of educational activities and meetings.