



The Wellington Knee Surgery Unit

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The Wellington Knee Surgery Unit hosts one Knee Research Fellow each year for a period of twelve months. The starting date for the fellowship is 1st January. The post is usually advertised in the British Medical Journal and the Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery in September.

The individual awarded the fellowship is paid at the level of Registrar. The post is aimed at giving the successful applicant an all-round education in knee surgery, from ligament injuries to the management of degenerative arthritis. The fellow is expected to take part in some form of research with publications and presentations during the year.

The applicant should already have a good amount of experience in knee surgery. He will see follow-up patients for assessment and database input. He will be expected to attend the various academic courses that take place throughout the year.

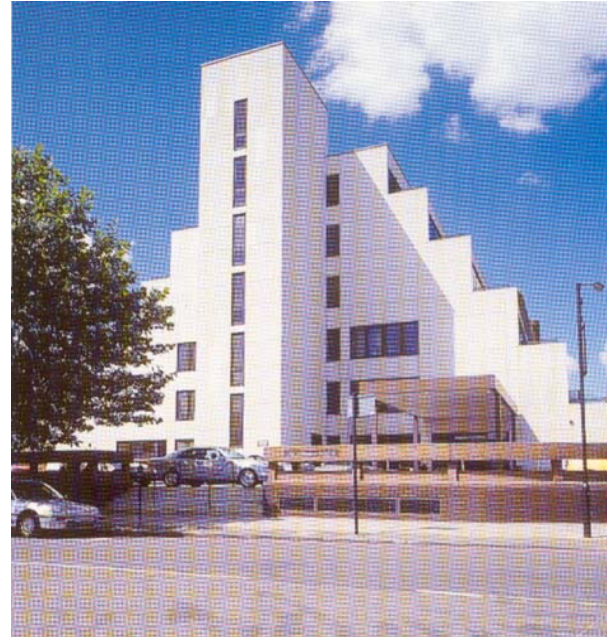
Further information about the fellowship can be obtained from the Director of the Wellington Knee Surgery Unit, Mr George Dowd, MD, MCh (Orth), FRCS.

Besides the fellowship post, surgeons are most welcome to attend the Unit for a period of a month to six weeks. During that time, they will have access to all the surgeons in the Unit, including operating sessions and clinics. Each year the Unit holds an international knee meeting, which takes place over a period of two days. During the meeting, specific subjects are discussed in detail, with both foreign and local experts presenting lectures on the topics. Information for the International Knee Meeting, which is now in its 12th year, can be obtained from Mrs Susan Laver, Unit Manager, at the Wellington Knee Surgery Unit.

On the last Monday of each month, at 6.30 p.m., a Problem Knee Clinic is held in which three to four patients are presented. The consultants and junior staff discuss the best management approaches for the patients.

The Wellington Knee Surgery Unit is situated in the heart of London, UK. The hospital is a private 266 bed hospital, with 15 intensive care beds and 11 operating theatres. The Wellington Knee Surgery Unit consists of six orthopaedic surgeons, all of whom have a special interest in knee disorders. Each surgeon is autonomous and has a varying sub-specialty in knee disorders.

Each consultant has clinics during the week, together with operating sessions and ward rounds. The Unit has four secretaries and access to all special investigation tools, including x-ray, MRI and bone scanning. There is a large physiotherapy unit which includes hydrotherapy.





Research is carried out on an individual basis with each of the consultants. In addition to his work at the Wellington Knee Surgery Unit, each consultant also has a commitment to a National Health Service Hospital. It is possible for interested parties to attend both the Wellington and NHS Hospitals.

Consultants: Mr G.S.E. Dowd MD, MCh (Orth), FRCS
 Mr D. Hunt FRCS
 Mr H. Ware FRCS (Orth)
 Mr A. Lavelle FRCS (Orth)
 Mr A. Williams FRCS (Orth)
 Mr D. Sweetnam FRCS (Orth)