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ACUTE MEDICAL UNIT

"The thing that I like best about my job is that it is very varied from day to day, you never know quite what will happen on a clinical shift. I also like being part of a big team of people on the Acute Medicine Unit."

Academic profile

Degree

BM Southampton

Qualification/achievement you are most proud of

Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians

Subjects you enjoyed at school

Maths and sciences

Career Summary

I came to study medicine in Southampton as it was the only medical school that accepted my application! I enjoyed my time at medical school, and the area I was living in, and have stayed around since. I always found working in hospitals the most interesting part of my studies and enjoyed looking after "medical" patients the best. I also really enjoyed seeing patients as they came into hospital and trying to figure out what was wrong with them. I happened to be around at the time Acute Medicine was starting up as a speciality and trained in it. I've been a consultant in Acute Medicine since 2008, and I really enjoy the work. I'm now responsible for Acute Internal Medicine training across the 4 nations. Somehow!

What inspired you?

I always enjoyed the sciences at school and wanted a job that combined this interest with working with people. What I do now has both those things, and I enjoy it very much.

Describe your job

Interesting

Fast paced

Varied

Sociable

Did you know .....

Acute Medicine has only existed as a medical speciality since 2003!

Watch the video:

Top tip

Don't worry if you really aren't sure of exactly what you want your career to be. There's no harm in being interested in a variety of things and seeing where that takes you.

Best thing about my job

Working with medical students at the University of Southampton

Find out more

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