

Welcome to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital Radiology Department!

We hope you enjoy and learn from your taster week. Please read through this document so that you get the most out of your time with us.

We feel there are 2 broad aims to a taster week:

1. Deciding whether or not radiology is the right career for you.
2. Preparation for a radiology application and interview.

Regarding the second point, a list of questions that have been asked in radiology interviews over the past few years can be found near the end of this document.

Our advice is to read through these before you join us and ask the registrars about any you are unsure of.

Timetable

A proposed timetable for your taster week has been attached.

On your first day, please come to the registrars' room (see map below) and ask for the lead registrar, who will hold an introduction meeting with you, and show you around the radiology department.

We advise you see at least one inpatient reporting session, one duty session, one ultrasound session and an MDT.

We are happy to accommodate any changes to the timetable should you have any specific areas of interest.

Inpatient CT/MRI reporting

This session involves reporting inpatient and A&E CT and MR as the images come off the scanners. The session is a great opportunity to see interesting cases with the reporting registrar.

Ultrasound

Ultrasound lists are performed every morning and afternoon, either by a radiologist (SpR or consultant), or a sonographer.

Duty

The duty radiologist registrar takes all the calls from within the hospital concerning inpatient scans, though GPs from community also call with queries. The job of duty radiology SpR is to advise appropriate radiological investigations, triage requests and expedite the most urgent requests. It is a very busy (and often a little manic!), but it is excellent session to observe and learn from.

Multi-disciplinary meetings (MDT)

These are specialty-specific and run every day. Observing the radiologist in at least one of these would be useful. (If you have a particular interest in a specific speciality MDT, we can make arrangements for that – please see full list of MDTs below).

Breast Radiology

Breast radiology (mainly mammography and ultrasound) occurs away from the main department in the West Block, level 3. Breast radiology by default has not been incorporated into your timetable, however we are happy to accommodate swaps should you be keen.

Interventional Radiology (IR)

Cases are run in the IR suite every day. You have been allocated a session on Friday morning – please note the early start at 8:00.

Audits

There is no obligation to do an audit whilst you are here, but we are often asked by previous taster week participants. Fortunately, radiology audits can be relatively quick and simple to perform.

The Royal College of Radiologists has a list of audit templates online which you can browse. A Google search of “RCR audit templates” will locate this easily. Alternatively, you could speak to SpRs in the department about audits they are aware of or that require re-audit.

If you wish to perform one please register it using the attached Clinical Audit Registration Form and send it to Dr Victoria Ames (victoria.ames@nnuh.nhs.uk) who is our audit lead.

Signed letter!

Finally, before you leave, make sure you get a signed letter, on headed paper that proves you’ve been here. You will be asked to show this at your interview!