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Croydon University Hospital is 450 bedded DGH serving a population of 336,000 in the largest borough of London. 20% of the population are from an ethnic minority background.

The main theatre complex houses 9 theatres with a 12 bedded recovery area. There is a busy 24 hour accident and emergency department (125,000 patients per year making it the second busiest in London) with a dedicated area for paediatric cases.

The hospital has a full range of diagnostic services including CT and MRI scanners.

Consultant Anaesthetists

Aston Knibb

Chairman of the division, Orthopaedics, spinal surgery, paediatrics

Kim Hughes

Lead in acute pain management. Colorectal surgery, paediatrics, obstetrics.
APLS instructor

Gita Menon

DME, College examiner, Vascular, orthopaedics

Munna Baruya

Lead for trauma and orthopaedics. Orthogeriatrics, ENT, gynaecology

Dr Murali

Rota co-ordinator Orthopaedics, urology, ophthalmology

Katty Amir Ansari

Gynaecology, paediatrics, trauma. ATLS instructor

Neelam Chitkara

orthopaedics, urology

David Cohen

Ophthalmics, obstetrics, gynaecology. Caldicott Guardian for the Trust.

Maria Del Aguila

Orthopaedics, maxillofacial, paediatrics

Srinivasan Dhileepan

College Tutor, Obstetrics, Ophthalmology

Nada Hadi

Colorectal, trauma, obstetrics

Jenny Heriot

Lead for Obstetrics. Obstetrics, urology, dental

Navaratnarajah

Chronic pain, vascular, breast surgery

Anne Peebles-Brown

Orthopaedics, general surgery, radiology

Nadeem Ahmed

Lead for ITU, gynaecology

Arif Moghal

ITU, orthopaedics

Riyaz Baba

ITU, orthopaedics

Saleem Butt

ITU, gynaecology, orthopaedics, Hospital transfusion committee

Steve Vidgeon

ITU, Trauma ENT, Organiser in house teaching

Antony Parsons

ITU, Upper GI, Resuscitation committee

Surgical specialties

In main theatres there are the following surgical specialties; general surgery, trauma and orthopaedics, gynaecology, vascular, urology, ENT, ophthalmic, maxillofacial, (paediatric lists in ENT, orthopaedics and maxillofacial). There are 5000 elective surgeries inpatient and more than 20,000 day surgery cases done every year.

All elective cases are seen in the anaesthetic pre-operative assessment clinic. There is a 12 bedded paediatric day surgery ward. There is a consultant led acute pain service with ward rounds daily.

Day surgery

There is a new theatre suite with 4 theatres and 18 day surgery beds. The surgical specialties include general, orthopaedic, ENT, gynaecology and maxillofacial.

Obstetrics

The maternity unit has 2 obstetric theatres with 4,600 deliveries per annum. The caesarean section rate is 25% and epidural rate 15%. 9 sessions are covered by consultants. There is also an antenatal anaesthetic pre-operative assessment session. There is an antenatal high risk anaesthetic clinic run every Monday afternoon.

Intensive care

The intensive care has 6 ITU beds and 8 HDU beds. There are 5 ITU consultants (and one physician) and a nurse based outreach team All sessions are covered by a consultant who are on call a week at a time.

Trainee rotas

CT 1-2

less than 48 hour week. 12 hour daytime shifts only (variable 1:6 or 1:8 rota depending upon the number of novices trained).

ST 3-7

less than 48 hour week. 12 hour day and night shifts (1:8 rota).

ITU rota

12 hour day and night shift (1:8 rota).

Obstetrics

The nights and weekends are covered by staff grade doctors.

Educational activities

- Weekly in house anaesthetic and ITU teaching.
- Fortnightly regional Core trainees anaesthetic teaching.
- Monthly Audit and clinical governance meetings.
- Weekly Grand round in PGMC.
- Resuscitation training courses ALS, APLS, ATLS.
- Skills lab for undergraduate and post graduate trainees. Well received foundation simulation training programme.
- The Trust has good academic links providing us with medical students from St George's and King's College Hospital.

Anaesthetic Units of competencies

- All core training modules towards Basic level training certificate.
- All Intermediary level general units

- General units of Higher level and some optional units.

Exam preparation

Primary FRCA MCQ practice, mock OSCE exams, one to one viva practice and advice.

Final FRCA practice SAQ's, one to one viva practice and advice on exam courses and books.

Very good availability and access to internet with 8 computers.

Miscellaneous

Mayday Healthcare NHS Trust was formed in 1993 and provides acute health services for the people of Croydon and its neighbouring areas. It was renamed as Croydon healthcare NHS trust in 2010. Croydon is London's largest borough (of around 336,000) and has a transient, relatively young population with a high level of ethnic diversity.

Croydon is a multi-cultural borough with approaching 20% of its population categorised as being from black and ethnic minority backgrounds and the Trust more than reflects this diversity in its workforce. There are various places of worship for people of all creeds.

Croydon has excellent connections with London and the South Coast. Gatwick airport is 40 minutes south of the borough. It has many excellent schools for children of all ages. There are different residential areas to suit all needs.

In July 2005 the Trust was awarded the highest rating of three stars in the Healthcare Commission's annual performance ratings. We also won the Health Services Journal "Acute Healthcare Organisation of the Year" and the "Employer of the Year" in the Best of Business Awards.

How to get there:

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Nearest train station

West Croydon. 15 minutes walk

Buses

The hospital is well served by a number of routes including numbers 198, 64, 60, 109, 250

Map Link

<http://maps.google.co.uk/maps?hl=en&tab=w>