

## Croydon University Hospital

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Croydon University Hospital is 450 bedded DGH serving a population of 360,000 in the largest borough of London. It has high ethnic diversity and the population is relatively young.

The main theatre complex houses 9 theatres with a 12 bedded recovery area. The day surgery has 4 theatres and 14 Day Surgery beds.

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**

Dr Katty Amir Ansari	Joint Clinical Director Critical Care and Surgery
Dr Gita Menon	Director Medical Education, College examiner
Dr Srinivasan Dhileepan	ACCS co-ordinator, Education supervisor
Dr Aston Knibb	Lead for pre-operative care.
Dr Kim Hughes	Lead in acute pain management, Education supervisor
Dr Sumita Saxena	Lead for trauma anaesthesia, Education supervisor
Dr Yasser Butt	Lead for obstetric anaesthesia
Dr Velaithan Muralitharan	Rota co-ordinator
Dr Munna Baruya	Interim Clinical Lead
Dr Neelam Chitkara	
Dr Maria Del Aguila	Education supervisor
Dr Nada Hadi	Audit Co-ordinator
Dr Jenny Heriot	Education supervisor
Dr Vanessa Cowie	College tutor, Education supervisor
Dr Murugesu Navaratnarajah	Chronic pain
Dr Zacharia Jose	Organiser in house teaching Anaesthetic, ES
Dr Arif Moghal	Lead for ITU, Education supervisor
Dr Nadeem Ahmed	ITU, College tutor, Education supervisor
Dr Riyaz Baba	ITU
Dr Saleem Butt	ITU, ICM Tutor, Lead Organ Transplant
Dr Steve Vidgeon	ITU, Organiser in house teaching ITU, Cerner lead, ES
Dr Simon Wood	ITU

2 Vacant consultant anaesthetist and 2 vacant ITU consultant posts

### **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 as inpatients 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 8 ITU beds and 7 HDU beds. There are 6 ITU consultants (plus one physician consultant) and a nurse based outreach team 24 hrs . All sessions are covered by a consultant who is 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. anaesthetic skills and drills in the simulation theatre suite.

The Trust has good academic links providing us with medical students from St George's and King's College Hospital.

## **Simulation**

Croydon has a very well equipped simulation centre, with two anaesthetic simulation fellows in post. The programme is rapidly expanding and includes ICU, paediatric and endoscopy multidisciplinary days, ward-based mobile simulation and

## **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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Tel: **020 8401 3000**

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=wl>

