

Job Description from a FY2 Trainee's Point of View.

ENT

Duties

The F2 SHO duties for ENT consist mainly of:

- **Ward rounds** – attending daily ward rounds on F5 at 8am (unless you are the late on call shift), seeing all of the patients with the registrar, writing in notes, taking notes of jobs etc.
- **Emergency clinics** – holding the baton bleep and taking calls from A+E, GP's, walk-in-centres, Winchester, Lymington etc. to refer patients and give advice. Seeing patients in the emergency clinic, clerking and performing FNE/minor procedures. Admitting patients as appropriate.
- **Outpatient's clinic** – at the RSH or head and neck clinic in the MaxFax department on Tuesday afternoons. Sitting in with consultants and observing or seeing patients to take a history/examine then discussing management plans with the seniors.
- **Theatre** – attending regular theatre sessions to observe or assist as required, ensuring patients have the correct up-to-date bloods/investigations prior to theatre. A chance to practice basic surgical skills!
- **On-call evenings** – 3pm-10pm holding the on-call bleep and running the emergency clinic.

Advice!

- **Go on the ENT course** – it will provide you with the vital skills you're using daily if you are in the treatment room eg. ENT examination, FNE, removal of foreign bodies, quinsy drainage etc.
- **Go to handover** – if you are holding the bleep in the morning you must go to the 8am surgical handover on E5 to see if there were any overnight admissions/problems to know for the ward round (come in a little early). Similarly if you are on the evening shift go to the 9pm handover to hand over any patients/expected admissions.
- **Read the anatomy before theatre** – you will get more out of it.
- **Get stuck in** – the only way you will learn how to do the procedures confidently is if you practice!