

Mercy University Hospital, Cork is a Catholic Voluntary Hospital founded in 1857 by the Sisters of Mercy. It is a centre of National and International excellence, renowned for its research and tertiary services and is a teaching hospital of University College Cork. The Mercy University Hospital provides specialist in-patient, day-patient out-patient services and accident and 24/7 emergency services in the centre of Cork City.

We are currently looking for candidates to fill the following position(s);



Clinical Nurse Specialist - Out-patient Parenteral Antimicrobial Therapy

19.5 hours

(Under the Governance of Mercy University Hospital Cork CLG.)

The appointment of the CNS (OPAT) is an essential element in the provision of effective, high quality, integrated care for patients needing IV antimicrobials outside the Acute Hospital. The purpose of the role is to identify suitable patients, support and educate patients and carers, liaise with all stakeholders regarding service provision and to co-ordinate/ lead OPAT clinics.

Responsibilities - *The post holder will be responsible for;*

- *Work closely with the OPAT team and within agreed OPAT standards & guidelines*
- *Develop assessment, planning and delivery of nursing care to patients and their families in the hospital, community and outreach settings.*
- *Model excellence in clinical practice and clinical decision making, at specialist level, and promote a person centred approach to the nursing care of patients that need IV antimicrobials in community.*
- *Effectively manage referrals to the OPAT team that require ID/OPAT follow up including the education of patient/family member and health care professional colleagues in the patients care at home.*
- *Participate in the ongoing clinical supervision for the role supported by the OPAT Clinical Lead. Clinical supervision should be agreed on a structured basis. CNS will receive and contribute to clinical supervision*
- *Develop close working links with other specialist and generalist services i.e. GPs, CITs, ID physicians, Private Provider, AMUs/ MAU's/ ED.*
- *Ensure that effective clinical governance procedures are maintained and evolve according to defined needs and demands in specialist OPAT services.*

Eligibility Criteria - *Candidates:*

- *Be registered in the General Division of the Register of Nurses kept by NMBI*
- *Have at least 5 years post registration experience in the division of the register in which the applicant is currently practising.*
- *Have a minimum of 2 years experience in the specialist area e.g. infectious diseases, infection control and prevention, acute medicine, community intervention teams, community infusion units or other community services where community/home therapy services where home IV antimicrobials services are provided.*

Desirable -

- *Hold a Level 8 (National Qualifications Authority of Ireland) post-registration, major academic award relevant to the specialist area of Infectious Diseases/ ICU/ Respiratory/ Community nursing/ Infection control nursing*

Closing Date for applications is: 1pm on Wednesday 14th February 2018

1. Email

E-mail a letter of application together with your CV and names and numbers of 3 referees to:

recruitment@muh.ie

2. Post

Send 3 hard copies of your CV together with a letter of application and names and numbers of 3 referees to:

Human Resources, Mercy University Hospital,
Grenville Place, Cork, Ireland

recruitment@muh.ie

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