



## **COVID Era Post CSCST Fellowship: Fellowship in Transplantation Psychiatry**

Applications are invited for this Post-CSCST Fellowship funded by HSE/NDTP for a 12 month period from July 2021. To be eligible, in July 2021 doctors must be within 3 years of having obtained their CSCST and completed their HST training within the College of Psychiatrists of Ireland. HSTs in their final year of training may be appointed subject to submission of their completed CSCST by July 21. The Fellow will receive an enhanced HST salary (at the final point of the salary scale).

**Location:** Mater Misericordiae University Hospital Dublin & Beaumont Hospital Dublin.

**Main Supervisor:** Professor Anne Doherty, Consultant in Liaison Psychiatry in collaboration with and supervision from Professor Siobhan MacHale Consultant in Liaison Psychiatry and Dr Ana Clarke Consultant in Liaison Psychiatry.

**Background:** This innovative Fellowship represents a partnership between the Mater Hospital and Beaumont Hospital in Dublin. The Mater Hospital is the home of the national Heart-Lung Transplant programme and the Renal Transplant Programme is based at Beaumont Hospital.

A key strength of the Heart-Lung Transplant Psychiatry Fellowship at the Mater University Hospital is clinical exposure to a large, wide-ranging population of heart and lung transplant recipients within a highly integrated, patient-centred clinical program. The fellow will train in inpatient, acute outpatient and long-term outpatient settings along with the dedicated clinical psychology and consultant psychiatrist.

The Renal Transplantation Programme at Beaumont is well established, and includes a Consultant Psychiatrist (0.5 WTE), Senior Psychologist (0.5 WTE) and Senior Social Worker (0.5 WTE) funded by the National Transplant Programme. Additional aspects of Transplant Psychiatry skills relate to assessment of Live Donors, as well as Transition Clinic experience for patients moving from Paediatric to Adult renal services.

This is the only Fellowship Programme of this type in Ireland.

### **Fellowship Description:**

The Fellow will interact regularly with specialists in cardiology, respiratory medicine, renal medicine, cardiothoracic surgery and liaison psychiatry who have focused expertise in the care of transplant recipients.

Specific areas of clinical and didactic teaching are:

- Recipient evaluation and preparation for heart and lung transplantation
- Recipient and Live Donor evaluation and preparation for renal transplantation
- The biologic basis of HLA and transplant rejection
- Pharmacology and clinical use of established and emerging immunosuppression for heart, lung and renal transplantation
- Use of the Stanford Integrated Psychosocial Assessment for Transplant (SIPAT)
- Understanding of the psychosocial factors which may impact on a person's ability to experience transplantation successfully and to live well in the aftermath of transplantation
- Allocation of deceased donor organs for transplantation
- Ethical considerations in organ transplantation



The Fellow will assess and review patients – both as inpatients and outpatients –  
- as part of the pre-transplant assessment  
- while on waiting list – inpatient and outpatient  
- peri-operatively in the event of delirium, steroid-induced psychosis or other decompensations  
in mental health  
- post transplant in the event of further mental health complications

The Fellow will work as part of the Transplant service along with a consultant liaison psychiatrist and a clinical psychologist at both sites: the primary site will be the Mater Hospital.

### **Didactic training**

The fellowship provides a wide range of didactic training, including:

- Daily interactions with transplant physicians and transplant surgeons
- Weekly Transplant conferences
- Medical grand rounds at both sites
- Liaison Psychiatry Academic teaching
- An induction programme which covers basic science and clinical topics relevant to transplantation
- Journal club presented by fellows
- Research conferences

### **Opportunities for research:**

There is a cohort study of people assessed for heart-lung transplant ongoing which the Fellow would be expected to participate in.

They would also have full access to the National Renal Transplant list, as well as ongoing data collected on Live Kidney Donors. They would be expected to present at national and international conferences and to contribute to the authorship of peer reviewed manuscripts.

The Fellow would be supported to conduct a qualitative piece of research of patient experience of (a) awaiting transplant; (b) post-transplant and (c) the mental health assessment as a routine part of transplant care.

There are multiple opportunities to perform audits or Quality Improvements projects, which could be tailored to the interests of the Fellow.

If the Fellow wished to start a research degree (MD/PhD) in the area of Transplant Psychiatry they would be supported in this.

All of the consultant supervisors have completed postgraduate research degrees and publications on the area of liaison psychiatry. Both clinical sites are clinical research centre and, as such, is a very suitable environment for multidisciplinary research in dementia. This programme is affiliated with UCD, bringing the advantage of established research/ educational networks and supports.

Interested applicants are encouraged to contact Professor Anne Doherty with informal enquiries [annedoherty@mater.ie](mailto:annedoherty@mater.ie)

To apply, a Curriculum Vitae and cover letter should be emailed to [annedoherty@mater.ie](mailto:annedoherty@mater.ie) following which an interview will be arranged.

**Closing date for applications, 5pm Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2021**