

## **RCoA Perioperative Medicine Leads Indicative Job Description**

The College is building a network of Perioperative Medicine Leads who will be their hospital's link to the College's Perioperative Medicine Programme. The College will support the network in promoting and delivering perioperative medicine solutions that work locally.

**Perioperative Medicine Leads will have a pivotal role in making sure that their hospital meets the needs of their surgical patients now and into the future.**

### *Background*

At a stakeholder engagement event at the Royal College of Anaesthetists in January 2015, President J-P van Besouw confirmed the College's commitment to developing a collaborative programme for the delivery of perioperative care; to deliver more efficient healthcare to improve patient outcomes and quality of life.

To further illustrate the College's vision for the future of perioperative medicine, we also produced a vision document, a short animated film illustrating what good perioperative care can look like, and a microsite: [www.rcoa.ac.uk/perioperativemedicine](http://www.rcoa.ac.uk/perioperativemedicine). This is a resource which will grow over time and help build the case for improved perioperative care.

We recognise that there are already many excellent examples of good models and pathways of perioperative care. We believe that an important role for the College is to recognise and support good practice and highlight it in order to encourage others to implement similar practice elsewhere.

The Perioperative Medicine Network will link the College with perioperative teams. We envisage that there will be an expanding portfolio of projects falling under the Programme. The success of these projects and the Programme as a whole will be critically dependent on local engagement and effective communication between the College and perioperative teams.

### *Roles and responsibilities of the Perioperative Medicine Lead include:*

- 1. Assist in the local delivery of Perioperative Care**  
To act as a regional ambassador for the Programme, by promoting and facilitating involvement in key aims, for example by engaging in pilot activity
- 2. Assist in two-way information sharing between the College and hospital**  
To represent the region at events and meetings directly related to the Perioperative Medicine Programme wherever possible, or to nominate a deputy to attend and share intelligence.
- 3. Keep the College apprised of local developments and practices**  
To keep the RCoA apprised of new developments and concerns in relation to the perioperative care pathway, and to actively promote developments collaboratively with colleagues inside and outside of the anaesthetic specialty,

The above roles and responsibilities will be reviewed by the College with the Network as the Programme matures.

### *Criteria*

It is expected that the Perioperative Medicine Lead will be:

- A consultant in Anaesthesia and/or Intensive Care Medicine
- Joint leadership between a consultant anaesthetist and physician or surgeon committed to perioperative medicine would be welcomed
- Holder of a substantive post in the NHS
- Committed to the development of perioperative medicine
- Supported by their Clinical Director in taking on the role

### *Benefits*

There will be no direct remuneration for this role. However, the College considers this to be a valuable contribution towards the development of high quality perioperative medicine, itself clearly integral to the efficient and effective delivery of care for patients contemplating surgery. As such, the College believes that this role should be recognised in the appraisal and job planning processes. It is the view of the College that activity related to this role is valid for inclusion in SPA activity.

### *Communication*

We aim to use email as the primary mode of communication and the Perioperative Medicine microsite ([www.rcoa.ac.uk/perioperativemedicine](http://www.rcoa.ac.uk/perioperativemedicine)) as the primary route for the dissemination of resources. We will from time to time run national meetings in conjunction with major RCoA events to provide face-face to face communication between the College and the Perioperative Medicine Leads.

We will hold a database of Perioperative Medicine Leads and will facilitate contact with Leads via the Perioperative Medicine email account. We will publish the name, hospital and Trust/Board of Leads on the Perioperative Medicine microsite unless expressly asked not to.

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