



INFORMATION FOR VISITORS

What to do if you want to visit us

The Division of Clinical Neurosciences (DCN) integrates high quality clinical care with carefully designed medical research. We straddle the University of Edinburgh and the two local teaching hospitals in NHS Lothian, but we are currently based on the Western General Hospital campus. We combine patient-driven and laboratory research in five main areas: Stroke, Prion disease, Brain Imaging, Neuro-oncology and Regenerative Neurology (focused on multiple sclerosis and motor neurone disease). DCN is a Division within the Centre for Clinical Brain Sciences.

Who should apply

We are delighted to host visitors who share our particular interests in clinical neurosciences. There is a variety of options open to visitors. Most visitors wish to undertake a short research project or a funded research fellowship. We are occasionally able to accommodate clinical observers within the stroke or neurology services for short (and sometimes long) periods. Your ability to undertake clinical work or patient-based research with us will depend on your medical registration status, competence in English language, medical indemnity, and funding arrangements.

How to apply

Before application, candidates should consider how to fund any research visit and supporting expenses. Unfortunately the DCN is unable to contribute financial support to individuals, but there are many funding opportunities that individuals can apply for in conjunction with one of us.

In the first instance visitors should send in a curriculum vitae supported by appropriate academic or clinical references. These will be screened by our Senior Academic faculty and if favourable then a personal or tele/video-conference interview will be arranged. The University of Edinburgh is bound by law to comply with a number of regulatory policies. All visitors to DCN must meet these conditions before being allowed to work in DCN. Overseas and clinical staff may have to provide additional dedicated documentation in support of any application.

What to expect if you are invited to work in the Division of Clinical Neurosciences

Any visitor will gain exposure to the wide range of clinical research undertaken in the fields of Brain Imaging, Multiple Sclerosis, Neurosurgery, Neuropsychiatry, Spongiform Encephalopathy (CJD), Regenerative Neurology, and Stroke. The DCN has an extensive medical student teaching programme, a number of regular group seminars and academic lectures related to our interests, and many others within Edinburgh Neuroscience (www.edinburghneuroscience.ed.ac.uk/edneuroseminars.html). The DCN has extensive collaborative relationships within the University of Edinburgh and other major Universities not only in the UK but also within Europe, USA, Asia, and Australia.