

## Vascular Sonographer / Vascular Scientist

### Job Description.

<b><u>Job Title:</u></b>	Clinical Vascular Scientist – Vascular Sonographer
<b><u>Requirement:</u></b>	Full-time, (part-time alternatives may be considered)
<b><u>Reporting To:</u></b>	Lead Vascular Scientist
<b><u>Job Location:</u></b>	Based at Frimley Park Hospital Trust, but working flexibly to support contracts in local area.
<b><u>Salary (Full-time):</u></b>	£68,941.60 p.a. (£37.88 p.h.)
<b><u>Hours:</u></b>	35 Hours per Week (09:00-17:00, Monday - Friday)
<b><u>Benefits:</u></b>	Staff benefit package includes payment for:  Professional membership (SVT/BMUS), Study Days, Travel & Parking allowance, Indemnity Insurance

### **Job Specification**

To participate in providing a high quality clinical service in non-invasive vascular investigations; adhering to best practice of ultrasound technique.

To maintain a high level of professionalism and technical standard of work, complying with all relevant Codes of Practice, Company Policies and local Rules.

### **Key Working Relations**

- Client Groups including; Patients & Local-host Unit Managers, Clinical Consultants and Clinical & non-clinical colleagues
- Southern Ultrasound' Clinical and non-clinical colleagues
- Southern Ultrasound' Suppliers and associated providers

### **Key Result Areas and Specific Duties**

#### **Clinical/Technical**

- Undertake examinations in line with the patient referrals adhering to departmental guidelines.
- To carry out and interpret all non-invasive vascular investigations; currently, but not limited to:
  - extra-cranial,
  - upper limb arterial/venous,
  - lower limb arterial/venous,
  - aortic & visceral arterial,
  - bypass graft surveillance
  - Fistula assessment
- To independently interpret, report and discuss all findings following routine and complex vascular investigations.

- To clinically justify vascular investigation requests.
- To work using own initiative, but be aware of own limitations and seek guidance when necessary.
- To plan and prioritize own patient workload at independent clinics.
- To assist in the training of junior clinical staff.
- To take responsibilities for equipment by reporting faults, failures or breakdowns to the Lead Vascular Sonographer or the Local-host Unit Manager, or, when required, to service engineers.
- To take responsibility for the safe use of all specialist equipment by self and trainees.
- To be familiar with the department reporting system and to ensure all examinations have been entered onto the system accurately.
- To understand and adhere to the Company Health and Safety Policy
- To demonstrate safe, effective practice in line with the Company policies and procedures

### **Administrative**

- To ensure the booking of patients and all Patient Information Systems are maintained with accurate and up to date information
- To maintain an up to date record of patient work load for auditing purposes.
- To ensure the security and upkeep of all relevant electronic patient records
- To liaise with reception/secretarial staff in the vetting, booking and handling of queries and to carry out occasional clerical duties related to vascular investigations/prioritizing & organizing inpatients' investigations.

### **Training and Development**

- To share knowledge and clinical expertise
- To take ownership and fulfil the requirements of any required Statutory and Mandatory training
- To be professionally responsible and accountable for continuing professional development and compliance with the The College and Society for Clinical Vascular Science [CSVS] (Formally known as Society of Vascular Technology [SVTGBI]) requirements for continuing accreditation or with the relevant Health & Care Professions Council [HCPC].
- To keep up-to-date in specialist clinical areas, including professional development in Vascular Technology, thereby professionally supporting department staff and vascular surgeons.

### **General**

- Adhere to all operational procedures as outlined by the Company.
- Maintain a high level of professionalism, customer care, and service provision.
- Report all incidents and complaints in line with Company Policies.
- Adhere to the requirements of the Data Protection Act.
- Ensure the smooth flow of clinical and administrative work.
- Participate in governance activities i.e. audits, personal development, and team meetings
- Maintain a clean and safe working environment and ensure all equipment from the Vascular Laboratory is used, stored and cleaned appropriately.
- Comply with ISO standards in respect of Information Security Management
- At all times required to carry out own responsibilities towards staff and patients with due regard to Equal Opportunities Policy.
- To liaise and communicate effectively with staff both within and external to the department regarding day-to-day operations and patient care.
- To appear on duty promptly and be appropriately dressed.
- Be familiar with all applicable Southern Ultrasound' Policies and Procedures

### **Core Competencies**

- Professional Competence and Development
- Communication
- Customer Service
- Flexibility & Adaptability
- Team Working

# Person Specification

<b>1: Knowledge</b>	
<b>Essential</b>	<b>Desirable</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post accreditation experience in a dedicated Vascular Laboratory, ability to scan &amp; independently report to protocols. Examples of essential scanning experience include: to confidently scan and independently report on upper/lower limb arteries (including aorto-iliac and calf run-off); to confidently scan and independently report on lower limb veins for the full range of varicose vein treatments.</li> <li>Ability to work in a multidisciplinary team (Interview)</li> <li>Basic appreciation of patient care &amp; confidentiality (CV &amp; Interview)</li> <li>Implications of the Data Protection Act and Caldicott Principles (CV &amp; Interview)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Infection Control training, Manual Handling and Patient Transfer training, Health and Safety Awareness training, ILS training (CV &amp; Interview)</li> </ul>
<b>2: Skills and Experience</b>	
<b>Essential</b>	<b>Desirable</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ability to scan and report varied vascular case mix independently, communicate with vascular surgeons and other clinicians effectively</li> <li>Professional and cooperative attitude towards patients, customers and colleagues (Interview)</li> <li>Proven competency in verbal and written communication including report writing (CV &amp; Interview)</li> <li>Computer Literacy with accurate data entry skills and attention to detail (Interview)</li> <li>Have experience on interpreting and reporting ultrasound findings (Interview)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supervision/training skills, self-management and organizational skills.</li> <li>Working within a multi-disciplined team (CV)</li> <li>A demonstrable aptitude towards improving quality (Interview)</li> <li>Basic understanding of clinical governance</li> <li>Safety awareness skills utilizing ultrasound equipment (Interview)</li> </ul>
<b>3: Qualifications and Special Training</b>	
<b>Essential</b>	<b>Desirable</b>
<u>Qualifications</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member of an appropriate professional body and evidence of ongoing accreditation. (CV)</li> <li>Accredited Vascular Scientist or</li> <li>Diploma in Medical Ultrasound or PG Dip in Medical Ultrasound with extensive Vascular ultrasound Experience</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full SVT/STP accreditation</li> </ul>
<b>4: Personal Requirements</b>	
<b>Essential</b>	<b>Desirable</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flexibility to work a variable session list and be available to carry out on-call support (not 24hrs) (Interview)</li> <li>Be prepared to undertake national travel to attend appropriate courses or seminars/conferences (Interview)</li> <li>Be resident in an area which is reasonably commutable to the location of the role (Interview)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proven diligence in CPD activity (CV &amp; Interview)</li> <li>Flexibility to provide ad-hoc cover when required, to accommodate holiday and sickness</li> </ul>