

University of Edinburgh

Job Description

1. Job Details

Job title: Locum Veterinary Clinical Pathologist

School/Support Department: Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies, CMVM

Unit (if applicable): Easter Bush Pathology (EBP)

Line manager: Head of EBP

2. Job Purpose

(Normally no more than 2 or 3 sentences)

To significantly contribute in the provision of the diagnostic clinical pathology service based in EBP. To assist in teaching the theory and practise of veterinary clinical pathology in the BVM&S curriculum. To assist in resident training in veterinary clinical pathology.

3. Main Responsibilities

(Normally between 4 and 10. Percentages should total at least 95% (and no more than 100%))

	Approx. % of time
1. To significantly contribute in the provision of the diagnostic clinical pathology service based in EBP and make a significant contribution to the development of the service.	75%
2. To contribute in the provision of didactic, tutorial and practical teaching in clinical pathology to BVM&S undergraduate students. To assist in the teaching of clinical pathology to postgraduates, including anatomic and clinical pathology residents and clinical residents.	15%
3. To undertake CPD to maintain up-to-date knowledge and expertise.	10%
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4. Planning and Organising

- The jobholder will deal with all veterinary aspects of cytology, haematology, biochemistry, parasitology and laboratory management, working to a high professional standard.
- The jobholder will work within a close team consisting of two board certified clinical pathologists and one or more clinical pathology residents. The jobholder will be expected to organise and carry out their work without supervision, but assistance will be available from colleagues if required. Submissions will be dealt with on a rota basis with colleagues.

- The jobholder will be expected to liaise closely with clinicians submitting specimens, the anatomic pathologists who may receive diagnostic submissions from the same cases, to participate in rounds sessions and discuss cases with EBP and clinical colleagues.
- The jobholder will assist in the teaching of clinical pathology to undergraduate and graduate students and to contribute to resident training.

5. Problem Solving

The jobholder will:

- provide a solution to all diagnostic challenges presented, seeking specialist input where appropriate.
- deal with immediate client complaints but refer any major problems to their line manager.
- advise undergraduate and postgraduate students/residents as appropriate.

6. Decision Making

The job holder will:

- be personally responsible for decisions of a diagnostic nature but will be expected to discuss complex cases with colleagues whose guidance and advice may be helpful.
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be responsible for running some undergraduate classes using ready-made material and with colleagues' support.

7. Key Contacts/Relationships

- Immediate veterinary colleagues (in particular the clinical pathology team and the Head of EBP).
- Clients (internal and external to the University), particularly clinicians with case responsibility and others submitting materials to the laboratory.
- Students (under- and postgraduate), clinical staff members and external contacts as appropriate.

8. Knowledge, Skills and Experience Needed for the Job

- A degree registrable with the RCVS.
- Significant prior knowledge and experience of veterinary clinical pathology and clinical work, including a postgraduate (board) qualification in veterinary clinical pathology (DipECVCP, DipACVCP or FRCPath) or eligibility and immediate intention to sit such an examination.
- Experience as a clinician is desirable.
- Experience in teaching, learning and assessment in a veterinary school is desirable. An ability to work alone but to request advice when required.
- Excellent personal organisation and timekeeping skills.

9. Dimensions

- EBP consists of the clinical pathology, histopathology, necropsy and microbiology services.
- EBP has an annual turnover of approximately £750K, a major proportion of which is generated by the clinical pathology service. The jobholder will be a key member of the team working to generate this income.
- The BVM&S programme is a 5 year undergraduate or 4 year graduate entry course with 160-180 students in each year.

10. Job Context and any other relevant information

- EBP (and the clinical pathology service in particular) plays an important role in generating income to support the School's teaching and research budget.
- EBP plays a key part in teaching pathology to undergraduate students.

11. Verification

(JDs should be agreed by the relevant manager and individual job-holder or representative. Further verification may also be specified in some cases.)

I agree that this job description conveys an accurate description of this job.

Manager:	<i>Job title</i> Head of EBP	<i>Name</i> Jorge del Pozo	<i>Signature</i> 	<i>Date</i> 12/05/21
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Other:	<i>Job title</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>
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