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UK-Med Register:

Theatre Nurse (Conflict Experience)

Candidate Information Pack

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The UK-Med Register

UK-Med is a frontline medical aid INGO. We've been working for over 20 years towards a world where everyone has the healthcare they need when crises or disasters hit. We're on-call to get to disaster zones at 24 hours' notice and save lives.

With crises becoming more frequent and severe, we also help communities get ready for future emergencies and we make sure that what we learn is shared, so people across the world can get the best care.

UK-Med responds to sudden onset disasters, disease outbreaks and other exceptional pressure on health systems by deploying surge health teams to provide extra clinical capacity and expertise. We both directly provide healthcare and undertake capacity building of local health systems and personnel.

We maintain a small core staff team who design, and develop our response capabilities, but the majority of people who deliver our services in the field come from our Register.

Our Register includes around 1000 professionals from across the world including doctors, nurses, other health professionals and humanitarian professionals.

Our commitment

We maintain a large Register to ensure that we can fill all roles required in the event of a major disaster. This means that in most years, most members of the UK-Med Register will not be offered any opportunity to join a response.

When personnel are needed for a response, we will build our response team from our Register and core staff team – around 90% of personnel in our responses are Register members. We will take account of skills, competencies, availability, and readiness (whether all vetting has been completed) in deciding who to invite to join a team – this is always defined by delivering the best possible health outcomes for our patients.

Being offered a place on the UK-Med Register is not an offer of a job. Opportunities with UK-Med are very unlikely to come up frequently enough to provide a regular income, and you will need to plan to have other work that is flexible enough to allow you to join UK-Med responses as required. This means that the UK-Med Register is not suitable for everyone.

The UK-Med Register provides personnel both for UK-Med independent responses and for responses of the UK Emergency Medical Team which deploys on behalf of the UK Government.

Our requirements

To be part of our Register you will need the following:

- Deployment - you will be ready, willing, and available to deploy internationally, potentially at short notice, and stay for 6 weeks or more. You don't have to be deployable every day of the year, but you will need to be able to be on call to support and advice in making decisions and facilitating in potentially difficult circumstances.
- A special arrangement exists for UK NHS staff, under which people can be released from their job to be deployed for three weeks at a time.
- Clinical and/or professional expertise – you must already be established in your profession to be able to meet the demands of the roles and contexts you will be in during our responses. The expertise and skills requirements are included in the person specification – if you do not meet these please don't apply.
- Humanitarian competencies – UK-Med has defined a set of core humanitarian competencies that are required for all Register members. If you are an experienced humanitarian, you will be expected to demonstrate these through real examples from your previous work or volunteering. If you are a skilled clinician with limited or no humanitarian experience, you will be expected to display these competencies through our selection training activities.
- Suitability – We expect all Register members to have the highest standards of personal and professional conduct, and to share our commitment to Safeguarding and Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion. We undertake extensive vetting to make sure that candidates meet our high standards of conduct. We also require all Register members to complete medical assessments to ensure that they are medically fit for deployment in our responses.

Introduction



This is an exciting time to join UK-Med. We have expanded significantly over the last few years and have an ambitious strategy in place for growth.

The world is experiencing an unprecedented level of humanitarian need. Natural disasters, disease outbreaks and conflict can hit at any time. The people affected are often the poorest and most vulnerable and the health problems they experience post-disaster are long-lasting. We believe that they deserve the highest quality emergency medical aid. We seek to save lives, but also to build resilient health systems so that people can lead healthy lives in the future.

At UK-Med, we work together to:

- **Respond** rapidly to emergencies, delivering the expertise needed to support local health services and save people's lives.
- **Prepare** health staff through training and capacity building, enabling health services to be better prepared for emergencies.
- **Learn** and share learning worldwide through our academic partners, ensuring patients get the best care.

This is a pivotal time in our history to join UK-Med. At the end of February 2022, we received the first of many calls asking for help with the crisis in Ukraine. We now have programmes across Ukraine including surgical support, health clinics, and emergency preparedness training. More than 20,000 people have already received direct support or training from UK-Med as a result.

In June 2022, we were awarded EMT (Emergency Medical Team) status by the World Health Organization. A month later, we were formally appointed to provide EMT services for the UK government. As such we are at the front line of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office's response to humanitarian crisis and can also respond to any crisis, anywhere in the world, under our own banner.

We are very excited about our plans and hope you will join us on this extraordinary journey.

David Wightwick

UK-Med Chief Executive Officer

Advert

Role:	Theatre Nurse – Register (Conflict Experience)
Remuneration:	GBP £3,300 to GBP £3,600 gross per month (Dependant on assignment and experience)
Hours:	UK-Med Register role, no guarantee of any work, but if deployed work will be full-time.
Duration:	Register members who deploy will be offered fixed-term contracts. The duration will depend on the requirements of the response, but most responses are between 4 and 12 weeks.
Location:	Internationally and/or to any of the UK-Med responses.

Are you an experienced Theatre Nurse that can work under pressure to support UK-Med during medical emergencies responses?

UK-Med is a frontline medical aid charity. Born of the British National Health Service, we've been working for over 30 years towards a world where everyone has the healthcare they need when crises or disasters hit.

We are seeking Theatre Nurses with previous experience working in humanitarian contexts. You will be able to make yourself available to travel and work internationally at short notice for a minimum of 4-6 weeks (longer availability is highly desirable) to join our register.

You will be centred around providing safe and effective surgical care to individuals affected by crises and emergencies.

You will be responsible for Ensuring Patient Safety this includes maintaining a sterile environment, adhering to infection control practices, and implementing safety protocols to prevent surgical site infections and other complications.

You will be Providing High-Quality Perioperative Care, this involves collaborating with the surgical team to ensure proper patient preparation, assisting during surgical procedures, monitoring patients' vital signs, administering medications, and facilitating a smooth surgical workflow.

You will need to be prepared and ready to provide immediate nursing care during critical incidents, mass casualty situations, or trauma cases. You will assist in resuscitation efforts, manage life-threatening situations, and provide essential support to the surgical team.

You must hold a current nursing license and be able to demonstrate your current and unconditional membership of a suitable registering organisation. You must hold specific qualifications / professional registrations in Nursing Science/Degree.

You will be determined, high performing, compassionate and collaborative, as well as being committed to learning and supporting others to learn. Language skills will be an advantage. We offer

a competitive salary and benefits along with a friendly working environment and the opportunity to make a real difference through and influential role in humanitarian programming.

At the same time UK-Med tries to provide feedback to applicants and share with them where they have fallen short in the competitive process, it may be very difficult to provide individual feedback. Especially looking at the large number of applications UK-Med receives and the multiple recruitments taking place at the same time, specifically during times of ongoing emergency surges.

How to apply

To apply, please complete the questions and submit your CV through our [Online Jobs Portal](#) as soon as possible.

This vacancy will close as soon as we have received enough strong applications. Please apply as soon as possible.

The selection process consists of two stages:

Interview Stage: All applicants will go through an initial interview stage.

Selection Training Stage: Applicants who pass the interview stage and do not have a minimum of 3 years of humanitarian experience will be required to complete a selection training.

We look forward to receiving your applications and potentially welcoming you to our team of dedicated humanitarian surgeons at UK-Med.

UK-Med is committed to safeguarding of our personnel and beneficiaries and has a zero-tolerance approach to sexual exploitation and abuse. We conduct thorough vetting before any appointment is confirmed.

UK-Med is committed to the principles of diversity, equality, and inclusion. We strive to provide an inclusive and supportive environment where employees feel respected and supported to be able to fulfil their potential.

About UK-Med

UK-Med (www.uk-med.org)

We train and deploy medical teams and specialists to save lives when epidemics, conflict and natural disasters hit. As disasters grow more frequent, severe, and complex there has never been a greater need to respond quickly and effectively. We believe in a world prepared to help.

It started in 1988 with a team of eight Manchester clinicians led by our founder Tony Redmond, when a huge earthquake ripped through Armenia. Teams continued to deploy throughout the 1990's and 2000s, and when Ebola struck West Africa in 2014 UK-Med stepped up. We recruited and trained the one hundred and fifty UK clinicians who worked alongside local medical teams, other NGOs and DFID to bring the outbreak under control.

UK-Med has deployed teams to a range of countries and crises including Cape Verde, China, Gaza, Haiti, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Indonesia, Jordan, Kosovo, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sierra Leone and Bangladesh. Our teams have undertaken a range of work on deployment including general medical care, trauma and surgical care, outbreak response and training of local healthcare staff.

The UK EMT

The UK Emergency Medical Team (UK EMT) provides high quality emergency health care solutions in a range of humanitarian contexts on behalf of the UK Government. The programme is led by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) and works under the guidelines of the WHO Classification and Minimum Standards for Medical Teams in sudden onset disasters. We recruit and train teams of UK-based clinicians, normally released for three weeks at a time by NHS employers. At any time, we have a team of sixty clinicians on call who are ready to respond to disasters anywhere in the world within twenty-four hours.

We can respond following earthquakes, cyclones, hurricanes, disease outbreaks or to other humanitarian contexts. Depending on the needs, we might deploy individual personnel, small clinical or advisory teams, self-sufficient primary care facilities or a field hospital including surgical team and inpatient facilities.

UK-Med Vision, Mission and Values

Our Vision

A world where everyone has the healthcare they need when crises or disasters hit.

Our Mission

We save lives in emergencies.

When health services are overwhelmed, we get expert health staff to where they're needed fast.

We help communities prepare for future crises.

We Value

Excellence

We set high standards for ourselves and the organisation. We strive to be outstanding in everything we do.

Determination

We have a can-do attitude and thrive on problem solving. No matter what the challenge, we explore all options so if there's a way, we'll find it. We don't give up easily.

Compassion

We care about people. The health and wellbeing of our patients and our people is central to everything we do.

Learning

We believe in knowledge-sharing and giving people the means to develop their capabilities. We value learning and continual growth.

Collaboration

Working in partnership with stakeholders, communities and colleagues is key to the success of our work.

We respect the skills, knowledge, and experience of those we work with and take care to listen and adapt to changes in need.

Job Description

Theatre Nurse – Register

Job Title	Theatre Nurse (Conflict Experience) – Register
Reports to	Medical Team Lead (MTL), Medical Coordinator (MedCo)
Duration	Register members who deploy will be offered fixed-term contracts. The duration will depend on the requirements of the response, but most responses are between 4 and 12 weeks.
Hours	UK-Med Register role, no guarantee of any work, but if deployed work will be full-time.
Place of work	Internationally and/or to any of the UK-Med responses.

Purpose of role

As UK-Med’s emergency response Theatre Nurse, you will play a critical role in providing surgical care in humanitarian settings. You will be responsible for ensuring the smooth functioning of the operating theatre and supporting the surgical team.

Key responsibilities

Activities

Preoperative Preparation:

1	Collaborate with UK-Med’s surgical team to prepare the operating field theatre, ensuring cleanliness, sterility, and availability of necessary equipment and supplies.
2	Verify patient identification, review medical records, and conduct preoperative assessments to ensure patients are ready for surgery.
3	Assist in positioning patients and preparing them for anaesthesia.

Intraoperative Care

4	Provide immediate patient care during surgical procedures, maintaining a sterile environment and ensuring patient safety. Ensure the WHO theatre checklist is used and adhered to.
5	Assist the surgical team by passing instruments, sutures, and other supplies as needed.
6	Monitor patients' vital signs, administer medications, and document patient data during surgery.
7	Anticipate and respond to the needs of the surgical team, ensuring smooth workflow and optimal surgical outcomes.

Postoperative Care

8	Transfer patients to the recovery area, monitoring their vital signs and providing post-anaesthesia care.
9	Assist in managing pain and postoperative complications, ensuring patient comfort and well-being.
10	Collaborate with the healthcare team to develop and implement individualized postoperative care plans.

11	Educate patients and their families about postoperative recovery and self-care.
Infection Control and Safety:	
12	Adhere to strict infection control protocols, ensuring a sterile environment and minimizing the risk of surgical site infections. Ensure that all instruments are safely managed and prepared for sterilisation.
13	Follow safety procedures, including handling sharps, disposing of hazardous waste, and maintaining a safe workplace.
14	Monitor and maintain adequate levels of sterile supplies and equipment, coordinating with the logistics team if needed.
Emergency Response:	
15	Participate in emergency preparedness and response efforts, being prepared to handle critical incidents and mass casualty situations.
16	Assist in resuscitation efforts, manage life-threatening situations, and provide emergency nursing care as required.
Collaboration and Communication:	
17	Collaborate effectively with the surgical team, anaesthetists, theatre support staff, and other healthcare professionals involved in patient care.
18	Communicate clearly and professionally, ensuring effective handover and documentation of patient care.
19	Contribute to interdisciplinary meetings, sharing insights and participating in quality improvement initiatives.
Other	
20	To supervise or manage other personnel as required under the terms of reference for the specific assignment
21	To comply with Codes of Conduct and uphold the values, standards and policies of UK-Med and the UK EMT, including those relating to safety and security, safeguarding and clinical / professional standards and practice.
22	To comply with all reasonable requests for vetting, health screening and sanctions checks and provide truthful and complete information.
23	To represent UK-Med, the UK EMT and partners / donors in a professional and appropriate manner, upholding the good reputation of the ORST and programmes you are associated with.
24	To undertake work outside of your core role as requested to support the success of the response.
25	Develop and maintain appropriate communication with the team and other relevant stakeholders.
Safeguarding	
26	Comply with and uphold UK-Med safeguarding policies (including child protection, prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse, bullying and harassment) and all Codes of Conduct.
27	Report all possible breaches of policy or Codes of Conduct through the appropriate channels in a timely fashion.
General duties	

28	To ensure and promote Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) in line with UK-Med's EDI Policy.
29	Comply with all financial and procurement policies and procedures, including those relating to anti-bribery, anti-terrorism, and anti-slavery.
30	Support UK-Med's environmental policies and procedures, taking personal responsibility for contributing to reducing negative environmental impacts.
31	Undertake training and comply with vetting requirements (including CRB / police checks, referencing) appropriate to the role as specified by UK-Med.
32	Treat all people including colleagues, patients and other beneficiaries, volunteers, partner staff and the general public with respect and ensure their dignity in interactions with you and UK-Med.
33	Other tasks as might be required to ensure effective delivery of UK-Med / READY / projects and programmes of work.
34	Support in the collection of data both clinical and non-clinical and the reporting of this.

Person Specification

Theatre Nurse – Register (Conflict Experience)

Qualifications / Professional Memberships		
1	Registered Nurse qualification with relevant licensure or registration in the respective jurisdiction.	Essential
2	Valid certification and registration as a Theatre Nurse Practitioner.	Desirable
Knowledge, Skills and Experience		
3	3 years post-registration clinical work experience in operating theatres	Essential
4	Prior experience in perioperative nursing, including experience in emergency/conflict and humanitarian settings.	Essential
5	Knowledge of surgical procedures, sterile techniques, and perioperative nursing care.	Essential
6	Familiarity with infection control practices, health and safety protocols, and emergency response principles.	Essential
7	Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, including cultural sensitivity and the ability to work with diverse populations.	Essential
8	Strong organizational and multitasking abilities, with the capacity to work effectively in high-pressure environments.	Essential
9	Flexibility, adaptability, and willingness to work in challenging and resource-limited conditions.	Essential
10	Languages (French, Arabic, Spanish)	Desirable
11	Deployment in NGO/ humanitarian settings	Essential
12	Evidence of participating in training design and/or delivery	Highly Desirable
13	Cultural sensitivity and respect for diverse populations.	Essential
Personal Attributes		
14	Understanding of the moral and legal implications of humanitarian work	Essential
15	Strong understanding of Safeguarding and its importance in health	Essential
16	Able to communicate effectively with all members of a multi-disciplinary team	Essential
17	Medically fit for the context with a good understanding of the demands of a outbreak deployment	Essential
18	Experience of working within a variety of team settings and willingness to work flexible as per the demands of the deployment	Essential
19	Commitment to UK-Med’s humanitarian mandate	Essential
UK-Med Core Humanitarian Competencies		

20	Understanding humanitarian contexts and applying humanitarian principles and standards	Essential
21	Achieving Results	Essential
22	Developing and Maintaining Collaborative Relationships	Essential
23	Operating Safely and Securely at all Times	Essential
24	Managing in pressured and challenging environments	Essential
25	Demonstrating leadership	Essential

Key terms and benefits

Salary:	Up to GBP £3,300 to GBP £3,600 dependant on assignment and experience.
Working hours:	UK-Med Register role, no guarantee of any work, but if deployed work will be full-time.
Safeguarding and sanctions:	<p>To ensure the suitability for the role's work with both adults and children, and/or work within regulated environments (CAA, MRHA) an assessment of suitability for this work will be completed which will include DBS / police checks. For work in some countries or funded by some donors we will also run a comprehensive sanctions / suitable person check.</p> <p>Suitability for this work is a condition of employment.</p>
Health and medical:	<p>Health clearance as 'fit to deploy' by our occupational health provider is an essential requirement for deployment in this role.</p> <p>You must complete course of all required vaccinations to be cleared for deployment.</p>
Professional requirements:	NMC (Nursing Midwifery Council) registration or equivalent national registering body
Term of contract:	Register members who deploy will be offered fixed-term contracts. The duration will depend on the requirements of the response, but most responses are between 4 and 12 weeks.

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