



## **GASTROENTEROLOGY FELLOW**

### **Background**

The Aga Khan University (AKU) is a private, not-for-profit, international university established in 1983, with 11 teaching sites in eight countries. The Aga Khan University Hospital, Nairobi is seeking to hire a Gastroenterology Fellow in the Department of Medicine. The successful candidate will report to both the Fellowship Programme Director and the Section Head, Gastroenterology.

### **Position Summary**

The Gastroenterology fellow will undergo fellowship training and function under the supervision of the attending medical staff. In this role, the Fellow will assist with the admission, consultation, evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment of patients in the hospital. Once a certain level of competency is achieved, the Fellow may perform certain procedures independently and provide verbal, written, and telephone orders.

This is a 3-year training program in Clinical Gastroenterology. Additional responsibilities will be as outlined in the Gastroenterology fellowship curriculum, with the level of responsibility increasing as the fellow progresses through each year.

### **Key Responsibilities:**

#### **1. Patient Management:**

- Conduct daily ward rounds and actively participate in decision-making regarding patient care under the guidance of attending staff.
- Review and examine patients regularly by taking case histories, conducting physical examinations, and ordering diagnostic tests.
- Participate in outpatient clinics and initiate discussions with patients and caregivers to provide comprehensive diagnostic and therapeutic care.
- Assist in performing and interpreting endoscopic procedures, such as upper and lower endoscopies, with attending physician supervision.
- Approve or clarify orders from junior house staff in cases of uncertainty, particularly for investigations, consultations, and treatment plans.



## **2. Emergency Care:**

- Assist in examining and managing emergency cases by conducting thorough evaluations and ordering necessary diagnostic tests.
- Attend to critically ill patients promptly and perform privileged life-saving emergency procedures as necessary.
- Educate patients on prevention, early detection, and treatment options related to gastrointestinal diseases, with an emphasis on informed consent and patient rights.

## **3. Education and Supervision:**

- Provide regular teaching to junior residents, medical students, and other healthcare providers under the supervision of the attending staff.
- Supervise junior house staff and play a key role in morning rounds to develop patient management plans.
- Lead discussions at gastroenterology rounds, multidisciplinary meetings, and morbidity and mortality reviews.

## **4. Collaboration and Coordination:**

- Liaise with consultants from various departments to ensure integrated, multidisciplinary care for complex cases.
- Attend handover rounds and participate in discussions regarding patient transfers, admissions, and discharges, always working closely with the clinical team to ensure continuity of care.

## **5. Support Services and Resource Utilization:**

- Work closely with nursing staff and ensure that all necessary equipment for treating gastroenterology patients is available and functional.
- Collaborate in the development of policies and procedures related to patient care, ensuring best practices are followed.

## **6. Research and Quality Improvement:**

- Engage in clinical research and quality improvement initiatives within the department.
- Participate in institutional quality improvement activities and safety audits to enhance patient care outcomes.
- Develop and initiate research projects, often leading to presentations at national and international conferences and publications in peer-reviewed journals.



## 7. Academic Development:

- Maintain a personal program of self-study and professional development.
- Attend academic classes, conferences, and ward rounds as per the program schedule.
- Participate in local and international gastroenterology conferences and external rotations as required by the curriculum.

## Entry Requirements:

Minimum requirements for applicants seeking admission include:

- Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB) or equivalent.
- Master of Internal Medicine degree, or equivalent postgraduate qualification.
- Registration with the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Board (KMPDC) or eligibility for registration if the applicant is from outside the country.

## Personal Attributes:

- Excellent communication skills, with the ability to work as part of a team.
- Demonstrates integrity, respect for diversity, and a commitment to ethical principles.
- Self-driven with excellent study habits and a desire for professional growth.
- Punctuality, reliability, and commitment to meeting deadlines.

## How to Apply:

To formally submit your application, please send a statement of motivation, current Curriculum Vitae, and the names and contact information of at least two professional references to [mc.ea@aku.edu](mailto:mc.ea@aku.edu) no later than **November 8, 2024**.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.