

CROHN'S & COLITIS UK NURSE SPECIALIST PROGRAMME

1. We want everyone to understand Crohn's and Colitis

Actively take every opportunity to raise awareness of IBD amongst the general public, and within work setting amongst patients and nurses, other health care professionals.

Increasing Crohn's & Colitis UK Visibility in hospitals

Supporting and participating in Patient Education programmes

Working with Crohn's & Colitis UK Local networks

Promoting and actively involved in campaigns including World IBD Day and Crohn's and Colitis awareness week.

Respond to local requests for speaking / educational events.

2. We want to support and empower people to be active participants in managing their life with Crohn's and Colitis

Ensure every patient contact raises awareness of the charity.

Develop a good understanding of the information, support and membership offer Crohn's & Colitis UK provides and sign posts patients to it.

Information packs to all patients in the IBD service, at any point in the IBD pathway.

Participates in Crohn's & Colitis UK projects and campaigns e.g. information review, self management programme, resource development (e.g. flare cards, care planning)

3. We want high quality, sustainable care across the UK

Each patient holistic needs assessment, personalised care planning and support to self manage through signposting, information and support.

Actively working within the hospital IBD team to meet the IBD National Standards and promoting patient survey. Registry

Creating a culture of service development and innovation.

Promoting and being open to new ways of working

Ensuring a diverse local patient involvement in service improvement/ patient panels

Actively participating in the RCN IBD Nursing Network

Contributing to nurse education programmes developed as part of the charity IBD nursing strategy.

4. We want early and accurate diagnosis for all.

Working with primary care colleagues promoting and advertising the charity's primary care resources e.g. RCGP toolkit.

Advertising and promoting the pre-diagnostic nursing role

5. We want to drive world class research into the disease.

Carrying out clinical audit relevant to the Crohn's & Colitis UK strategy.

Advertise and promote Crohn's & Colitis UK research awards

Promote 'Take Part in Research' to patients and carers.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Skills, Knowledge & Experience

Essential

- RGN
- Currently practicing as an IBD nurse
- Evidence of current or potential advance nursing practice e.g. running nurse led clinics, prescribing, making autonomous decisions about diagnosis, treatments or follow up.
- Evidence of degree level study and an education or mentorship nursing qualification
- Teaching and supervision of other nurses.
- Knowledge or recent advances in clinical IBD management.
- Proven communication skills and ability to negotiate.
- Ability to problem solve and prioritise and to work to deadlines.

Desirable

- Masters level study

Attitudes

- Calm, consistent and flexible approach to work.
- Forward thinking
- Ambition to achieve objectives.
- A commitment to the principles and objectives of Crohn's and Colitis UK.
- A commitment to networking and peer support.