

Name & email supervisor(s):

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Length and dates of internship:

2 months: July – August 2024

Host department:

Primary Care, Population Sciences and Medical Education, University of Southampton

How will the internship be conducted:

- In person at the university
 Virtual/ from home
 Both are possible, depending on preference of student

Title internship project:

Experiences of ureteric stents

Summary of the internship project: *(max 250 words, can include hyperlinks to further information)*

Background: Ureteric stents and catheters are deployed clinically as temporary measures to restore urinary drainage, in patients with kidney stones, external ureteric compression from tumours or strictures. Prevalence of these increases with age. The real costs of stent-associated complications are difficult to quantify. However, the use of ureteric stents has increased secondary to a rise in renal stone disease and the wide variety of oncological treatments available for patients, who often need stents for urinary drainage. >80% of these patients have stent-related symptoms, issues with pain and quality of life (QoL), need time off work and suffer with UTIs.

Study aims: To explore patients' experiences regarding ureteric stents and clinicians' experiences of managing patients with ureteric stents

Methodology: We have conducted qualitative interviews with 8 patients with ureteric stents (there may be more before the summer). You will use thematic analysis to analyse these interviews.

Learning objectives:

To learn how to conduct thematic analysis of interview transcripts.

Any further information: