

What should I do if I don't want a trainee?

If you wish to let us know you are not happy to have a supervised trainee perform your procedure please inform us **at least a week in advance** of the procedure, so we can ensure you are not booked on a training list.

Contact: Endoscopy administrative team **01225 824069**

If you have further questions contact the Endoscopy Nursing Team on **01225 821425** or **01225 821788**, and ask to speak to a registered nurse.

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Endoscopy Training

Patient Information - Trainees working in Endoscopy





Endoscopy Training at the Royal United Hospital

The RUH has several trainees working in endoscopy; this leaflet is provided to inform you about how this may affect your endoscopy procedure, and support your decision as to whether you are happy to have a trainee perform the procedure.

Although the idea of a trainee may be unnerving it is often a very positive experience. All our endoscopy trainees are in a structured training programme within the national guidelines, and are all experienced doctors and nurses. Around a quarter of endoscopy lists at the RUH involve training.

Will they be supervised?

Under no circumstances are trainee endoscopists ever unsupervised. By having a trainee perform your test we can guarantee that an experienced consultant or senior nurse endoscopist will be present, and supervising your endoscopy procedure throughout. If at any time you or the trainee has any difficulties they can immediately take over. On a training list you can be confident a senior endoscopist will be present. All the endoscopy trainers at the RUH are accredited endoscopy trainers and we regularly monitor their training skills.

Is it safe?

We carefully monitor our complication rates for endoscopy and have not found any suggestion that it is more dangerous with a trainee endoscopist; in fact, you may be more likely to have a completed procedure on a training list than on a normal endoscopy list.

Will it be more uncomfortable?

We carefully monitor patient comfort and have not found any suggestion it will be more uncomfortable.

Will it take longer?

While learning a trainee may be slower than an independent endoscopist; however, our trainers are experienced in monitoring the length of a procedure and will take over if procedure seems prolonged. On a training list we allow a longer time for the whole endoscopy experience, and patients often find this makes for a more relaxed atmosphere.