

What will I learn on the ward?

The ward rounds provide an opportunity to learn:

- **How to be a junior doctor**
 - How to run or contribute to the round
 - How to document the notes
 - How roles/responsibilities are divided on the team
 - Administration skills – ordering tests, checking results, discharge planning, etc
 - Team culture
 - See how to make a referral, how patients are clerked

- **Clinical skills**
 - Observe and practice examination technique
 - See clinical signs
 - Observe clinical reasoning in action
 - How the patients' changing condition alters the management
 - When and why management plans vary from the 'typical'
 - Requirements for discharge
 - How clinicians manage undifferentiated cases and uncertainty

- **Communications skills**
 - Counselling
 - Consent
 - Breaking bad news
 - How to talk to children
 - How to talk to families
 - How to talk to colleagues

You might choose to focus on different areas on different days depending on cases on the ward, the business of the unit and what you identify as personal learning gaps.