

Scoping ODP Practice

One of our members, Jane Aires, who works as the Practice Educator in University Hospitals Leicester, invited some of her colleagues who work in different roles to provide an overview for the CODP newsletter. The first of these are presented below:

Name: Ellen Osborne

The year you qualified as an ODP: 2011

Where you worked as an ODP (team/speciality):

I worked in Emergency Theatres at LRI when I first qualified for 2½ yrs. I then moved into PACU LRI for 2 yrs.

Your current job title:

Clinical Facilitator for eObservations and eHandover

A brief description of your current role:

The Trust is changing the way the Early Warning Scoring system is documented. Where as before a paper chart was used to record all vital signs it will now be recorded on touch screen electronic devices.

My role is to prepare all members of the Multidisciplinary team through educating, training and support before and after implementation of the change.

How/why did you move into this role?

I saw the role advertised and thought it seemed interesting, I already had the desire to help on a project for UHL to improve patient safety. I saw this position as a great opportunity to get involved in.

Does your role stretch the traditional boundaries of ODP practice? Whether you work in theatres, critical care, obstetrics, ED or a GP practice, and whether you are based in the UK or overseas, we would like to hear from you. Please send your comments to codp@unison.co.uk