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EMPLOYMENT/CAREER OPPORTUNITY

The Unit is an internationally recognised centre of excellence with dominant research themes in the areas of HIV and emerging infections, vaccines and immunity, and chronic diseases and cancer. Through a multidisciplinary approach, intersecting basic science, epidemiological research, social-behavioural research and the conduct of new intervention evaluation studies, the Unit contributes knowledge on changing epidemics and diseases, the evaluation of innovative health care options, treatment and prevention and the development of health policy and practice in Africa and worldwide. Following the signing of strategic transfer agreements between the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) and the Medical Research Council (MRC UK), the Unit formally joined LSHTM on 1st February 2018. The exciting new partnership will boost research capacity into current and emerging health issues in Africa and throughout the world. The Unit is based at the UVRI Entebbe campus with established outposts in Kalungu, Masaka, Wakiso and Kampala Districts. The Unit is now seeking enthusiastic and experienced individuals to fill the following positions:

Nursing Officer (17 Positions)

Position Code: NO519

Reports to: Project leader & site pediatrician

Duty stations: Entebbe, Jinja, Iganga & Masaka

Contract Duration: 2 Years

About the Study

The OMWaNA study is a partnership between the (MRC/UVRI), the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) and Makerere University. It is a randomized controlled trial (RCT) whose primary aim is to examine the impact of Kangaroo mother care (KMC) initiated before stabilisation on mortality within 7 days relative to standard care amongst neonates $\leq 2000g$.

The study will be conducted in four sites in Uganda: Jinja Regional Referral Hospital, Masaka Regional Referral Hospital, Entebbe Regional Referral Hospital and Iganga District Hospital.

Job Purpose:

The research-nursing officer shall be responsible for the active screening, recruitment randomization and follow-up care of neonates recruited into the OMWANA study according to the study standard operating procedures. The nursing officer will also contribute to data collection and entry. In addition, he/she will provide care for study participants and when possible other patients within the neonatal unit as a member of the neonatal team.

Roles & Responsibilities

- To provide study information and health education to patients/ study participants
- To screen infants for study eligibility
- To obtain informed written consent from study participants
- To administer and record research related interviews, questionnaires and/or checklists
- To ensure optimal recruitment and retention of study participants
- To provide nursing care and support for participating mothers and neonates following study guidelines
- To support physiological monitoring of infants including heart rate, oxygen saturations, temperature and blood sugars
- To write referrals for patients/ study participants as and when required
- To draw blood samples from patients/study participants as appropriate
- To provide technical guidance to site health workers and non-clinical co-interviewers during study visits
- To participate in training and organizing site meetings
- To facilitate health worker trainings
- To track and order supplies/consumables
- To ensure accurate record of data before leaving the site
- To work as part of the study site hospital neonatal team in caring for admitted neonates
- To communicate any adverse events to the study investigators in a timely manner

Person Specification

- Diploma in nursing & midwifery.
- Bachelor's degree in nursing & midwifery from a recognised institution is an added advantage.
- At least 1-year experience in clinical practice.
- At least 1-year experience in a research setting working on clinical trials.
- Experience in newborn care and particularly care of the sick and small newborn is an added advantage.
- Previous experience of implementing research study protocols.
- Understanding of ICH/GCP for human research.
- Certification in ICH/GCP for human research is an added advantage.
- Fluency in English and Luganda or Lusoga.

Competencies:

Core:

- Personal Integrity
- Emotional Resourcefulness
- Ability to Learn
- Forward Thinking
- Reliability
- Openness to Others

Job Specific:

- Independence
- Analytical Thinking
- Conceptual Thinking

- Proactivity
- Results Orientation
- Thoroughness
- Concern for Excellence
- Flexibility Towards Others
- Service Orientation
- Development Orientation

How to Apply

Fill an online form accordingly by following the link below and there after submit your application documents to the e-mail below:

<https://forms.gle/br1d3Q4wqyNLCzso8>

Filling the form more than once will lead to automatic disqualification. High level of integrity while filling the form is required and will be considered during shortlisting.

Please email your application to recruitment@mrcuganda.org Applications should include academic documents, a cover letter, CV, daytime telephone contact and three traceable professional references. **Combine all application documentation into one PDF document.** Deadline is **Friday 31st May 2019, 5:00pm.**

Your cover letter should demonstrate the following;

- Communication skills,
- Effective teamwork,
- Organisational skills,
- Ability to initiate and support public engagement including but not limited to health talks
- computer literacy / competence

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interview. Note that academic qualifications will be subjected to verification by the issuing institutions. This position is open to Ugandan nationals only.

NB: Please quote the following position code in the subject line of the email:

- **NO519**

The applications should be addressed to:

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