

International Paediatric Critical Care Fellowship

Children's Health Ireland (CHI), Dublin.
Duration: 12 to 24 months

Overview

The Division of Paediatric Critical Care Medicine at Children's Health Ireland (CHI) offers a comprehensive 12 to 24-month fellowship program designed for senior trainees from around the world seeking to qualify as specialists in Paediatric Critical Care Medicine. Shorter term fellowships may be considered.

Eligibility Criteria

To apply, candidates must meet the following requirements:

- Be towards the end of (or completed) subspecialty training in paediatrics, anaesthesiology, or emergency medicine.
- A minimum of a year of experience in tertiary-level neonatal, paediatric, or adult intensive care.
- If English is not your native language you must hold IELTS 7 or above or OET B or above, valid at the time of the advertisement,

About the Division of Paediatric Critical Care Medicine

Paediatric Critical Care in Ireland is currently split over two sites; CHI Crumlin (Dublin) and CHI Temple Street (Dublin). From July 2026 both intensive cares will merge onto one site at the brand new, state of the art New Children's Hospital (NCH) at St James in Dublin.

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) at Crumlin is home to:

- A 23-bed Paediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU), including both General and Cardiac ICUs.
- One of the largest PICUs in the UK and Ireland, with over 1,000 annual admissions, and last year (2024) was the second largest by admissions in the PICANET network
- 350-400 congenital heart operations/year and 350-400 Cardiac Catheter Interventions
- National sub-specialist services such as cardiology, cardiothoracic surgery, oncology, respiratory medicine, ENT and more.
- Ireland's only extracorporeal life support (ECLS) service for children. Recipient of the ELSO Platinum Level Center of Excellence Award.

CHI Temple Street houses:

- a 9-bed general PICU, with 400 admissions a year
- National Paediatric Neurosurgical, Metabolic and renal transplant services

Both units contribute to the Irish Paediatric Acute Transport Service (IPATS), which stabilises and transports critically ill children throughout Ireland and internationally (when required).

Induction Programme

All fellows and registrars undergo an induction programme upon arrival in PICU. A full protected teaching programme is allocated for this time so that the medics are familiarised with procedures and equipment within the ICU before starting their shifts. New fellows and registrars are not allocated to cover shifts during this period.

Training Program

- Three formal teaching sessions per week, including lectures, journal club, case-based discussions and simulation.
- Skills development in vascular access, airway management, and intubation and point-of-care ultrasound.
- Time in theatre with anaesthetics for hands-on training.
- Communication training
- Monthly morbidity and mortality meetings, with fellows expected to present cases.
- An ECLS Study Day every six months and 3 monthly ECLS reviews.
- An annual ECMO conference held with the Mater adult hospital
- Monthly wellbeing sessions

Supervision

Each fellow will be assigned a supervisor for the duration of the fellowship. The supervisors and trainees should meet within 4 weeks of the trainee starting at CHI, and at 3-monthly intervals (or as often as required) afterwards. All trainees and suggested to take on a research or quality improvement project during their time here and this is expected for international

fellows. Supervision will be provided by the PICU consultants to assist with research projects and to provide feedback as required.

Clinical Duties

Fellows will provide patient care under the supervision of full-time paediatric intensivists, gaining experience in:

- Rotation through the Cardiac and General ICUs, with paediatric and neonatal patients.
- Supporting the acute transport service.
- Application of organ support, including advanced ventilation, inotropes, vasoactive agents, ECLS, and ICP management.
- Participation in the hospital resuscitation team for acutely ill or injured children.
- Active participation in ward rounds and patient care planning.
- More senior fellows will take on leadership roles, including leading ward rounds and supervising junior trainees.

On-call duties: Fellows will be required to provide overnight and weekend on-call services, promoting greater autonomy. Efforts will be made to balance the frequency of on-call duties to ensure a healthy work-life balance.

Applications

Expressions of Interest and Start Dates:

Applications are made for the starting in January or July each year.

We recommend submitting applications at least 12 months before your desired start date, preferably 18 months in advance. Occasionally, places may become available at short notice, so inquiries are welcome at any time.

How to Apply:

Please apply via the advert on CHI jobs (www.chi.jobs). Applications should include a CV and cover letter. Closing date for applications are Sunday September 21st at 23:45pm.

For inquiries related to this recruitment process please contact Cillian Greene, Talent Acquisition Specialist:

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