

Healthcare Science Career of the Week



Nephrologist

Area of NHS: Medicine

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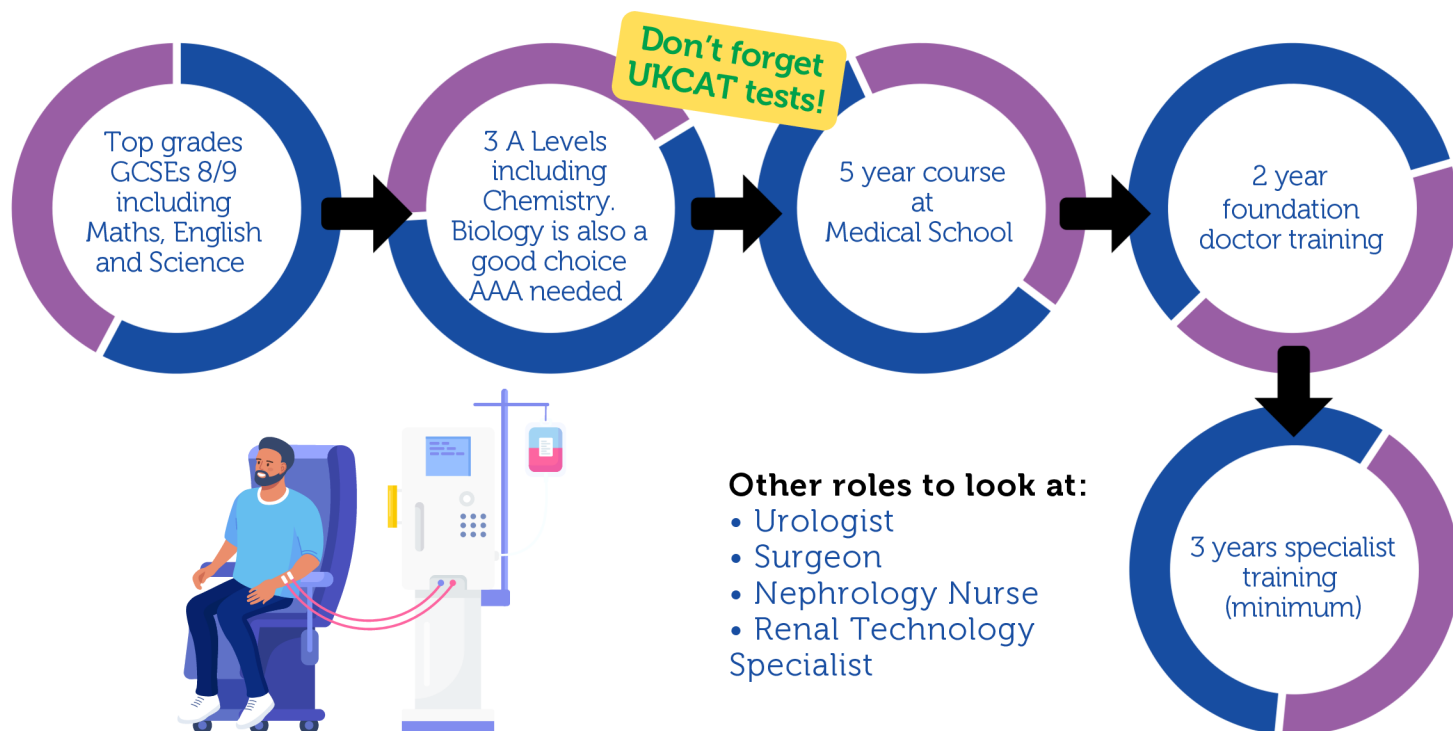
AMAZING FACT

Every 30 minutes your kidneys filter all the blood in your body, removing waste. And they will do that 50 times a day, filtering a whopping 1500 L of blood every 24 hours!!!!

A Nephrologist is a doctor who diagnoses and treats people with diseases of the kidney. They specialise in Renal Medicine. Renal is just a word that refers to kidneys. If you become a nephrologist you'll work with a large variety of patients such as people suffering from auto-immune diseases like lupus, or other diseases like diabetes and hypertension. You'll also be treating people with acute kidney injuries, alongside end stage kidney failure and kidney transplants. This is a great job for people who like to get to know their patients, you could be working with someone for 10-20 years as they progress from kidney disease to requiring a transplant and then after care.

You'll be based in a renal unit within a general hospital or teaching hospital. Transplants only take place at a university teaching hospitals as surgeons and specialists teams are needed. You will assist with dialysis units at smaller hospitals. You'll have a highly varied working life but you'll be required to work weekdays, weekends and evening as well as being on call according to a rota pattern. Some of your roles will include renal biopsies (taking a bit of the kidney to have a look at) as well as teaching and research working with a multidisciplinary team.

What to do to get into this career...



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