

Research Assistant Nurse, Centre of Excellence in Women and Child Health at Aga Khan University Hospital

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Job Description

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Aga Khan University Hospitals in Karachi, Pakistan and Nairobi, Kenya are private, not-for-profit institutions providing high quality health care. The Main Hospitals serve as the principal sites for clinical training for the University's Medical Colleges and Schools of Nursing and Midwifery in Pakistan and East Africa. Our Vision of Aga Khan University Hospital, Nairobi is to be the premier, tertiary, teaching and referral health care facility in sub-Saharan Africa. For over fifty years, Aga Khan University Hospital, Nairobi (AKUH) has been taking care of families in East Africa. As a private, not-for-profit hospital, we strive to provide access to quality healthcare to all who need it. At AKUH, patients are our first priority.

Job Summary

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The AIMIX project (Inclusive Artificial Intelligence for Accessible Medical Imaging Across Resource-Limited Settings) is a research project that aims to develop artificial intelligence aided pregnancy screening using low-cost fetal ultrasound. The study is being conducted as a collaboration between the Aga Khan University, The Kilifi County Department of Health, University of Barcelona and other institutions. This position is required to contribute to recruitment of participants, data collection and follow-up for the AIMIX research study and related studies.

The successful will be required to conduct the following activities at the health facility: Screening and recruitment of study participants, clinical and non-clinical data collection, sample collection and handling, anthropometry assessment and simple clinical assessments and follow-up of participants. Follow-up will include contacting participants for birth outcome data as well as contacting other health facilities in the region to retrieve birth outcome data.

S/he will also be trained to perform simple ultrasound procedures. He / She will report to the Study Coordinator.

He / She will be required to comply with stipulated guidelines on all study activities. The study nurse will be required to be sensitive and considerate throughout the encounter with participants, their families and other health facility staff and at all times to display a professional attitude.

The position is based at Rabai sub-county Hospital in Kilifi county. The role will include some local travel within the study area – between health facilities and to communities. The role may require shift work including nights, weekends and public holidays. The nurse is to have and maintain active practice licenses in Kenya and may be required to contribute to clinical care at the respective health care facilities.

Responsibilities

Contribute to the design of studies and study activities involving ultrasound in pregnancy and gestational age assessments

Alongside the study/project coordinator, plan and coordinate all study ultrasound related activities

Plan patient flows to ensure efficiency

Ensure seamless flow of patients through the various clinical and research activities

Train study research assistants on research procedures involving obstetric ultrasound and associated data collection

Regularly check the quality of procedures and saved videos of scans done by team members to ensure compliance to SOP and good quality

Regularly check the quality of the data collected for research activities related to ultrasound

Supervise staff engaged in ultrasound procedures – nurses and other research assistants

Contribute to preparation of scientific reports and publications

Be directly involved in participant screening, informed consent, recruitment, follow-up and data collection

Contribute to engagement with participants and communities at the health facility and in community sites

Requirements

Liaise with health facility staff to identify potentially eligible study participants for recruitment into specific studies and sub-studies

Communicate to prospective study participants about the research study

Screen and recruit study participants including administering informed consent

Clinical and non-clinical data collection from study participants

Perform anthropometric measurements and vital signs measurements for study participants

Collect, transport and log biological samples for the study

Conduct clinical measurements and clinical tests (eg. point of care tests, bedside tests) for the study

Conduct special study procedures for the study including simple ultrasound procedures

Retrieve ultrasound images for research participants from the clinical and research databases

Retrieve participant data on perinatal outcomes from the clinical databases

Conduct participant follow up for assessment of perinatal outcomes

Create summary reports for activities and relevant events affecting the study as guided by the study coordinator

Attend training sessions and obtain relevant competency in skills essential for the role

As guided by the study coordinator, plan for data collection activities on a weekly and monthly basis

To handle study equipment with care and to ensure safe storage

Any other responsibility as allocated by the study coordinator

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