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Research Medical Specialist II – HSU – Re-Advertised at KEMRI Wellcome Trust Research Programme (KWTRP)

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Job Description

(adsbygoogle = window.adsbygoogle || []).push({}); The KEMRI Wellcome Trust Research Programme (KWTRP) is based within the KEMRI Centre for Geographic Medical Research – (Coast). Our core activities are funded by the Wellcome Trust. We conduct integrated epidemiological, social, laboratory and clinical research in parallel, with results feeding into local and international health policy. Our research platforms include state-of-the-art laboratories, a demographic surveillance system covering a quarter of a million residents, partnership with Kilifi County Hospital in health care and hospital surveillance, a clinical trials facility, a vibrant community engagement programme and a dedicated training facility. The KWTRP leadership includes the Executive Director Philip Bejon, the KEMRI Centre Director Benjamin Tsofa, the Ag. Nairobi Programme director Mike English and the Chief Operating Officer Catherine Kenyatta. Our Vision to establish long term sustainable capacity for research in human health that improves global health. Our Mission to deliver high quality research relevant to global health and to build local capacity for undertaking research. Aims of the programme •To conduct research to the highest international scientific and ethical standards on the major causes of morbidity and mortality in the region in order to provide the evidence base to improve health. •To train an internationally competitive cadre of Kenyan and African research leaders to ensure the long term development of health research in Africa

JOB DIMENSIONS:

The Job will involve coordination of the WHO-led sentinel surveillance for the RTS,

S/AS01 malaria vaccine in 6 hospitals in western Kenya and antimicrobial resistance (AMR) surveillance in several hospitals in Kenya. The AMR surveillance seeks to investigate applicability of the 'hub' and 'spoke' approach as a surveillance approach and to estimate the burden of AMR in hospitalised children. The post is based in Kenya at the KEMRI-Wellcome Trust Research Programme (KWTRP), Nairobi, but involves extensive interactions with collaborators in the Ministry of Health (MoH), county governments, academic research collaborators, and other scientists in the programme. Suitable candidates will be highly driven, with string negotiation skills, an effective communication, able to lead teams and strong research publication skills. This is a full-time appointment for a period of 12 months initially, with the possibility of extension

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Coordinate day to day running of the study in consultation with the principal investigator and other team members to ensure that overall execution of studies in line with approved protocol

Work with the Principal Investigator and other relevant staff members to prepare and execute research plans in liaison with other partners in the project

Track quality of the surveillance to ensure high quality data

Identify data queries and coordinate their resolution

Coordinating field and data management teams

Conduct trainings for study teams as required

Develop research interests and publish manuscripts linked to the study project.

Prepare progress reports for submission to funders and sponsors

Liaise with MoH, county hospitals and other stakeholders to ensure smooth conduct of the study.

Represent the principal investigator at external meetings and present study outputs at scientific meetings

REQUIREMENTS

QUALIFICATIONS:

Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery ((MBChB, MBBS or equivalent) degree or its equivalent.

and Master of Medicine (M.MED.) degree in any specified field (e.g. Paediatrics, Obstetrics & Gynaecology etc or its equivalent from any recognized university or institution.

Current registration Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists' Board

Experience working in a biomedical research environment.

Competence in use of R, STATA or other software applications to undertake statistical analyses is an added advantage.

Knowledge of Good Clinical Practice (GCP) training and Human subject Protection.

Experience in writing reports or publication of master's dissertation is an added advantage.

COMPETENCIES:

Strong interpersonal and communication skills

Excellent scientific writing skills and presentation skills (use of PowerPoint or other media)

Ability to work with limited supervision and meet deadlines

Excellent diagnostic, analytical and investigative skills

Strong leadership skills

Ability to work independently, in a team, and in a multi-cultural environment

Confidentiality, attention to detail, punctuality, and high integrity

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