Consultant Medical Microbiologist, Ireland

Location: Limerick
Salary: €235862 - €283318 p/a

The Consultant Microbiologist will provide clinical and laboratory-based microbiology services, supporting the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of infectious diseases across acute and community settings. The post holder will play a central role in infection prevention and control, antimicrobial stewardship, and service development, working collaboratively within multidisciplinary teams.

Key Responsibilities
Clinical Responsibilities:
Provide expert clinical microbiology advice to medical, surgical, and community teams.
Interpret microbiological investigations and advise on appropriate antimicrobial therapy.
Participate in ward rounds, multidisciplinary meetings, and clinical consultations.
Support the management of complex infections, including healthcare-associated infections.
Contribute to out-of-hours/on-call microbiology services where required.

Laboratory Oversight:
Supervise and support diagnostic microbiology laboratory services.
Ensure quality standards are maintained in line with accreditation requirements.
Collaborate with laboratory management to optimise workflows and introduce new diagnostic technologies.

Infection Prevention & Control (IPC):
Lead and support infection prevention and control programmes.
Advise on outbreak identification, investigation, and management.
Develop and implement policies and guidelines to reduce healthcare-associated infections.
Provide expert input on decontamination, isolation, and environmental hygiene practices.

Antimicrobial Stewardship:
Lead or contribute to antimicrobial stewardship initiatives.
Promote prudent antimicrobial prescribing practices.
Audit antimicrobial use and provide feedback to clinical teams.
Develop and update antimicrobial guidelines.

Education & Training:
Provide teaching and training to medical staff, scientists, nurses, and students.
Participate in continuing professional development (CPD) activities.
Contribute to training programmes for junior doctors and laboratory personnel.
Audit, Research & Quality Improvement
Participate in clinical audit and quality improvement initiatives.
Engage in research activities where appropriate.
Support innovation and service development within microbiology and infection services.

Administrative Duties:
Participate in departmental management and planning.
Contribute to service strategy and policy development.
Maintain appropriate documentation and reporting standards.

Requirements:
Specialist registration (or eligibility for registration) on the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council of Ireland in the specialty of Microbiology.
Proven experience in clinical microbiology, infection control, and antimicrobial stewardship.
Strong leadership, teamwork, and communication skills.
Commitment to continuous quality improvement and patient safety.
Access to transport as travel across sites may be required.

Additional Information:
Annual leave: 30 working days.
Pensionable post under the HSE superannuation scheme.
Appointment subject to medical and character clearance.

To Apply:
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