

Medical illustrators

provide a wide range of photographic and graphic services to all staff working in medical and paramedical areas. They work as part of the health-care team in the hospital environment as a medical photographer, video producer, artist or graphic designer. A medical illustrator may work in the studio, clinics, operating theatres or on the wards. They provide essential professional and cost-effective photographic and graphic services for use in patient care, medical education and research.

Medical Illustrators work closely with doctors and other healthcare professionals associated with the delivery of care. They are responsible for providing photographic and other visual records of patients and pathological materials. These provide valuable aids in early diagnosis or confirming effective treatment of disease. Many medical illustrators are involved in specialised techniques such as Fluorescein Angiography to delineate retinal blood vessels and the production of images for treatment planning in craniofacial surgery.

They may also offer their expertise to graphic design, such as in the production of audio-visual teaching material, artwork for scientific posters and patient information, or design and layout for annual reports and other corporate material.

In addition to having an understanding of anatomy, medical illustrators must show evidence of technical expertise and innovative artistic skills. They need good written and verbal communication skills as well as the ability to accept high levels of responsibility.

Pay and Career Prospects:

Medical Illustrators are graded according to seniority. Higher-grade posts involve more decision-making and management. You progress by applying for higher-grade vacancies. At the most senior grade you will probably be running a large department.

How to Apply:

Vacancies are advertised in job centres or local papers. They will also be found in specialist publications and websites such as the Institute of Medical Illustrators

Website: www.imi.org.uk

Further Information

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Entry Requirements and progression routes:

Applicants will require a media qualification in photography, graphic design or video to be eligible for training. Suitable qualifications would be an HND or equivalent in photography, graphic design or video to be eligible for training. Suitable vocational courses would be Btec National diploma in multimedia. Academic subjects would include art, graphics or photography at A level followed by an art foundation year. Training is then by a three-year, in-service training programme, which leads to a BSc in medical illustration from Glasgow Caledonian University.



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