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# Clinical physiology



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## Clinical physiology roles

Clinical physiology staff care for patients in hospital clinics and departments, operating theatres, at home, in schools or in health centres. They use specialist equipment to find out how a patient's body is working. This includes identifying and diagnosing problems with the nervous system, heart, lungs, hearing and vision.

### Clinical physiology is divided into four areas:

1. cardiac, vascular, respiratory and sleep sciences
2. clinical perfusion science
3. neurosensory sciences
4. gastro-intestinal physiology and urodynamic science

### The clinical physiology team includes:

- clinical physiologists
- clinical scientists
- clinical technologists
- clinical perfusionists
- healthcare science support workers

#### Did you know?

There are over 6,800 healthcare science staff working in NHSScotland – over 4% of the total workforce<sup>(1)</sup>.

### ☆ Top skills:

To work in a clinical physiology role, you'll need these skills:

- caring for people
- problem-solving skills
- working accurately
- leadership
- working in a team
- collaboration

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#### References:

1. ISD Scotland, NHSScotland workforce data, June 2019