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Physical sciences

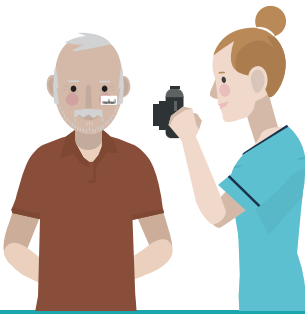


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Physical sciences roles

Physical sciences staff work in the medical physics and clinical engineering departments in hospitals. They use specialist techniques and technologies to analyse and measure how a patient's body is working. This information is used for diagnosis, monitoring the patient's condition and to plan treatment.

Physical sciences is divided into five areas:

1. clinical bioinformatics
2. clinical engineering
3. clinical illustration and photography
4. medical physics
5. reconstructive science

The physical sciences team includes:

- clinical scientists
- clinical technologists
- clinical photographers
- healthcare science support workers

Did you know?

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

☆ Top skills:

To work in a physical sciences 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:

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