

What Audiovestibular Physicians say about their specialty:

Fascinating

So many specialties rolled into one

Enjoyable

Satisfying

I enjoy providing a holistic approach, treating the person not the test result

Lots of challenges and interesting patients

Rewarding

I am passionate about my specialty

Detective work and unravelling aetiological mysteries are very rewarding, and it's great finding a way through a challenging problem

I see such an interesting mix of people and problems

Audiovestibular Medicine

Assessment, diagnosis and management of hearing and balance disorders in children and adults

Providing a multidisciplinary approach to multifactorial problems

Improving well-being and quality of life through holistic patient-centred care

Good Work-Life Balance

Family friendly specialty

No on-call commitment

Academic and research opportunities

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Audiovestibular Medicine

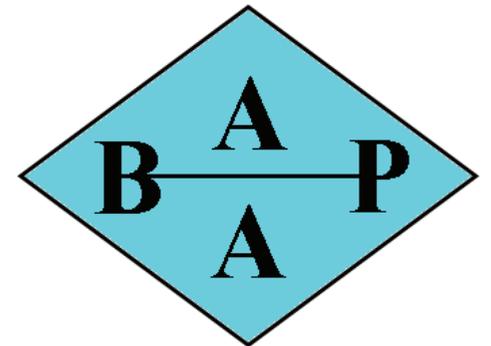
Medical Specialty for:

Hearing Disorders

Balance Disorders

Tinnitus

Information for Trainees



**British Association of
Audiovestibular Physicians**

Paediatric and Adult Services

HEARING

BALANCE

TINNITUS

What is Audiovestibular Medicine?

Audiovestibular Medicine (AVM) is the medical specialty concerned with the diagnosis and management of hearing and balance disorders in children and adults.

It is a highly specialised branch of medicine with a wide breadth of training across such specialties as paediatrics, neurology, otolaryngology, ophthalmology, general medicine, medical genetics, old age medicine, and psychiatry.

The Audiovestibular Medicine service is usually run on an outpatient basis in a hospital or community setting.

Audiovestibular Physicians (AVPs) work closely with a wide variety of services including audiology, paediatrics, old age medicine, neurology, speech and language therapy, ENT, general medicine, clinical psychology, social work and the voluntary sector.

How do you become an Audiovestibular Physician?

The training programme welcomes trainees from most specialties.

Entry Requirements:

MBBS or equivalent medical qualification

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Candidates must demonstrate evidence of achievement of **foundation competencies** from a UKFPO-affiliated foundation programme or equivalent.

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Candidates can apply for entry from one of the **Core Training** Programmes:

Surgery (6 months ENT experience necessary) or

Paediatrics or

General Practice or

Medicine (Core Medical or ACCS).

Applicants must have at least **24 months' experience (not including foundation modules)** in **one of the qualifying specialties** by time of commencement of ST3 training.

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Candidates must have passed the **relevant post graduate membership** examinations by the time of application:

Candidates from Core Surgical Training (CST) require to have obtained either: i) MRCS and DOHNS or ii) MRCS (ENT)

Candidates from Core Medical Training (CMT) must have MRCP (UK)

Candidates from General Practice Training must have MRCGP

Candidates from Paediatric training must have MRCPCH

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Be eligible for full registration with, and hold a current licence to practise from the GMC at time of appointment

The Audiovestibular Medicine training programme

- Successful candidates will embark on a 5 year comprehensive training programme which will lead to CCT in AVM
- Progression through the training programme and successful completion is competency based
- Teaching and training is delivered via regular training days.

Characteristics of an AVP

Key skills

- A holistic and patient-centred mindset
- Excellent communication abilities
- Good team working skills
- Good deductive and practical skills to enable the correct diagnosis to be reached and the formation of a rehabilitation plan appropriate to the often complex needs of a patient
- An interest in the science behind physiological and pathological processes
- An interest in technology e.g virtual and electrophysiological, to support the diagnostic and rehabilitative processes

Working Practice

There is a wide variety of working practices within the specialty. These include:

- The investigation, diagnosis & habilitation/ rehabilitation of hearing impaired children and adults
- The investigation, diagnosis & rehabilitation of balance disorders in children and adults
- Participation in surveillance, screening and preventative audiology
- The diagnosis and management of tinnitus and dysacusis
- The diagnosis and management of auditory processing difficulties