

Neurologist

What is it?

A Neurologist is a medical doctor who specialises in diagnosing and treating conditions affecting the **brain, spinal cord and nervous system**. This includes illnesses such as epilepsy, stroke, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease and migraines. Neurologists work mainly in hospitals and clinics, helping patients manage long-term neurological conditions.

Qualifications/Experience Required:

Complete a medical degree (MBBS or equivalent) – usually 5 to 6 years.

Undertake foundation training (2 years).

Complete core medical training (2–3 years).

Specialise in neurology training (around 5 years).

Neurologists must be registered with the General Medical Council (GMC). Strong GCSEs and A levels (especially biology, chemistry and maths) are essential at the start of this pathway.

What the Work Involves:

- Diagnosing neurological conditions through examinations and scans.
- Treating patients using medication and therapy plans.
- Monitoring long-term conditions and adjusting treatment.
- Working with other healthcare professionals such as nurses and therapists.
- Explaining diagnoses and treatment options to patients and families.

Future Prospects – Labour Market Information:

Neurology is a highly specialised and respected medical career. Demand for neurologists is strong due to an ageing population and increased awareness of neurological conditions

Typical weekly hours –40 to 48 hours per week.

*This can include **on-call duties**, evenings or weekends, especially in hospital roles.*

Type of person who may be suited to this job:

- Strong interest in science and medicine.
- Calm, patient and empathetic when working with people.
- Excellent problem-solving and analytical skills.
- Able to concentrate and make decisions under pressure.
- Good communicator with patients and

Money/Wage Guide:

- **Starting Salary: £43,000-£55,000**
- **Experienced Salary: £93,000-£126,000+**

Related Opportunities:

- **Neurosurgeon**
- **Clinical Neurophysiologist**
- **Psychiatrist**
- **Medical Research Scientist**

Further Information:

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/neurologist>

<https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk>