Community Palliative Care
St Mary’s Hospital

The resident will spend two rotations on community-based palliative care units. One of these rotations will take place at St Mary’s Hospital. This is a community hospital which offers a full range of services. There are 6 palliative care beds integrated on the oncology unit. There is a consult service (~10 new consults per week) and an outpatient clinic (15 visits per week). The team has strong links with the community. The team includes 5 doctors, all family physicians with a long experience in the provision of palliative care, and one of whom has a special interest in the AIDS population.

There are also a pharmacist, a social worker, a psychologist and a music therapist. The resident will be expected to cover some of those palliative care patients, as well as act as a palliative and pain consultant on other wards, oncology out-patients and in the emergency room. The palliative care resident can visit an AIDS hospice, and do occasional homecare visits. The palliative care resident will also have an opportunity to teach more junior residents.