



A day in the life of...

Meet Christian Villareal

CT Superintendent Radiographer
at Tunbridge Wells Hospital



My career in radiology started in the Philippines. At first I wasn't sure if I was following the right path but during my university placement I realised just how much I enjoyed the role of a radiographer and the important service this provides for patients.

I was fortunate to attend an excellent training hospital back in the Philippines where the senior staff would always encourage the students to perform a broad range of procedures under the guidance of the senior team.

I qualified as a radiographer in 1997, working first for six years at the Manila Doctors Hospital in the Philippines, followed by a post at the newly opened Asian Hospital and Medical Center. I joined MTW as a band 5 radiographer based at the old Pembury Hospital and Kent and Sussex Hospital. I quickly moved through the ranks within the radiology team and have been the CT superintendent since October 2018.

As the CT superintendent at Tunbridge Wells Hospital, I am responsible for the patient flow from both the Emergency Department (ensuring patients are scanned within an hour of the time request) and our hospital wards. We also provide a vital service to our cancer patients, GP referrals, patients from the fracture clinic and Transient Ischaemic Attack (TIA) clinic – a rapid access clinic that aims to prevent strokes in patients who have experienced a TIA.

What do I like most about my role? I love being part of the team of allied health professionals that are a vital part of the medical profession - helping the doctors carry out their job and delivering the best patient care.

If you are looking for an exciting job in radiology come and join our team! There are a wealth of opportunities in X-ray, CT, MRI, ultrasound, DEXA (bone density scan) and nuclear medicine, with lots of support for learning and progression. The Trust also offers two great locations (Maidstone Hospital and Tunbridge Wells Hospital) and flexible working hours too – it's a really great place to work!