Geriatric Medicine

Chronic and complex disease management

Opportunities at Austin Health 2021/22

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Geriatric Medicine @ Austin Health

Austin Health is part of the Northern Training Alliance in Geriatric Medicine comprising Austin Health, Northern Health and Bendigo Health.

There are 11 registrar / advanced trainee positions with one fellow position and one part time research fellow, across the Northern Training Alliance.

Each position is for 43 hours a week, including 5 hours of formal training. After hours' commitments vary between positions but are generally less than 1:6.

Time is rostered free of clinical commitments each week with attendance at the fortnightly Victorian Geriatric Medicine Training Program Thursday afternoon sessions, and other training activities include a locally organised registrar training program and communication training is supported and mandated.

Leave to attend conferences and study is a high priority, within awards.

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The Geriatric Medical Unit is a specialist chronic and complex care unit which provides inpatient and community care to our sub-acute and acute patients.

Patients may undergo referral for assessment and management to a diverse group of inpatient, bed substitution and community services under program streams that include; Rehabilitation, Acute and Subacute Geriatric Medical management, residential care, health improvement programs (HIP), hospital in the home (HITH) and Austin @Home.

Under the supervision of the unit consultant and working effectively and efficiently with the multidisciplinary team

As Registrar you are responsible to ensure the right patient receives the right care, at the right time, in the right environment, mindful of efficient and clinically appropriate utilisation of health resources.

As part of the multidisciplinary team you have shared responsibility for quality patient negotiated outcomes and you have direct supervision of the HMO's under your supervision

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Geriatric Medicine has a mandatory internal and hospital wide orientation program

Each position has a position handbook

Austin is part of a state-wide education program supplemented with a weekly unit meeting, local alliance training and a journal club

The division has an active research unit (MCRU) and researcher led trails are encouraged. Geriatric Medicine has strong links with the National Ageing Research Unit (NARI) and the Australian Centre for Evidence Based Aged Care (ACEBAC)

The MCRU is currently involved in 27 active clinical trials.

With our research partners including the Melbourne Ageing Research Collaborative (of which Austin is a foundation member), additional research opportunities are available including higher degrees

All registrars are assigned both a trainee supervisor and trainee mentor and regular meetings are strongly encouraged

Trainee research and projects to meet training requirements are strongly supported

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Austin Health Values

The Austin Health values play a critical role in shaping how we operate as a division. They influence our performance, planning, recruitment, training and development, along with our relationships with colleagues, patients and their relatives and friends.

The Austin Health values set the standard that we expect all staff to live up to in the way they undertake their role and responsibilities across the organisation, our values:

Our actions show we care: We are inclusive and considerate. We appreciate one another, always listening and interacting with compassion.

We bring our best: We are guided by the needs of our patients, bringing commitment, integrity and energy to everything we do. We are passionate about delivering excellence.

Together we achieve: Our culture of collaboration means we work openly with our people, our community and beyond to achieve great outcomes.

We shape the future: Through research, education and learning we innovate, exploring new opportunities that will change health care for the better.

Geriatric Medicine: Further Information

Ask our trainees

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