

## Information sheet for Nephrology Registrar

<b>Name of Unit / Specialty:</b>	Nephrology
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### Summary of Position/Unit:

Nephrology is part of the Medical Services Division and has a large program involving over 900 dialysis, renal transplant and chronic renal failure patients. The offices of the Unit have been completely refurbished, and are located away from the in-patient services building, on the 7th floor of the Harold Stokes Building (with a commanding view of the surrounding countryside) in an area not accessible to patients. Each of the registrars has a desk in this area and the use of full IT services and comprehensive library back up facilities. The Unit runs a tutorial programme for the registrars, provided by the consultant staff. Physicians from the Unit attend the Mercy Hospital, although there is no direct involvement of the renal registrars. Patients with obstetric renal problems, however, may be admitted to the Austin renal wards from the Mercy.

The Department of Nephrology has a comprehensive clinical service with exposure to all dialysis modalities with a focus on home therapy, general nephrology with a range of autoimmune and genetic disorders, and transplantation. The kidney transplant program performs deceased donor and live donor transplants, including complex transplants across ABO incompatible barriers and is a major transplant centre linked to the Australian Paired Kidney Exchange program. The Nephrology Department continues to have established links with paediatric renal transplant program at The Royal Children's Hospital, the National Islet Cell Transplant program and the Liver Transplant Unit at Austin Health which collaboratively performs simultaneous liver and kidney transplants. The department also has a dedicated Live Donor Clinic which supports the live donor transplant program at Austin Health and The Royal Children's Hospital.

The Nephrology Department has an important role in undergraduate and postgraduate teaching and is closely affiliated with the University of Melbourne, Department of Medicine. The Department also participates in clinical and basic research in Nephrology and Transplant Immunology. It is one of the best-known research Units in the country with medical nephrology Postgraduate students and continued NHMRC funding.

Research interests of the unit include both clinical and laboratory areas. In the laboratory, projects include the role of energy metabolism in progression of kidney disease, changes in kidney function that contribute to pre-eclampsia, and molecular markers of kidney transplant rejection. Clinical projects include study of the genomics of inherited kidney disease, mechanisms of injury in autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease, and projects to improve home dialysis therapies.

### Pre-requisites/Preferences for Candidates:

All potential applicants are strongly encouraged to discuss their application with David Power via the unit Secretary

### Application Instructions

Applications for Nephrology training are now centralised through the Royal Australasian College of Physicians. Applicants must apply via the College of Physicians; however, individuals are strongly encouraged to contact The Department of Nephrology at Austin Health to discuss their application, including a full CV, in addition to the application process with the Royal Australasian College of Physicians.

### CVs

Your CV should include as **minimum**:

- **Passport-sized photo** on the front page of your CV – photocopy or black and white digital photo acceptable.
- **Name of University for medical degree and date of graduation.**
- **Full chronological working history since graduation**, including gaps in employment.
- **List of referees:** please ensure your referees provide your references by the closing date for applications.
- **Your referees must relate to work completed since 2019** – to include dates worked, date of reference, and contact details of referee. Pro forma is preferred, but written are acceptable.
- **Evidence of academic achievements:** academic transcript from university, publications in peer reviewed journals, certificates for courses completed.

### References

It is the responsibility of the candidate to ensure that references are provided, when requested, and these will be subject to audit.

### Important Dates To Remember:

The Royal Australasian College of Physicians Nephrology Matching Program and the application process is outlined on the College website. Applicants should refer to the College of Physician's website for the details.

Closing Date for applicants	TBC
References due	TBC
Interviews/ Selection Process:	TBC