

Medical Career Pathways with Bendigo Health

Sub-Acute

In Subacute our focus is particularly on the functional abilities of the patients, with an aim to restore patients to a level of health and function where they can continue to enjoy the remainder of life, however long that might be. Our role as doctors on the team is to assist in the optimization of medical management, in particular ascertaining which medications might be causing side effects and need to be reduced or ceased.

While working in the subacute environment, you will be part of a multidisciplinary team providing medical input to rehabilitation programs for patients. Your ongoing medical training will have a rehabilitation/restorative focus rather than the acute medical model; as such admissions focus on impairment assessment and setting of functional goals with the patient.

4C Unit

This ward has 32 patients, generally half are musculoskeletal rehabilitation patients and half GEM patients. Each of the two teams has a consultant, a registrar, and an intern, and have weekly Team Case Conferences. Ward rounds are generally weekly with each of the Consultants.

5C Unit

This ward has 32 patients also. Generally half are neurological rehabilitation patients and half GEM patients. Each of the two teams have a weekly Team Case Conferences, ward rounds are generally weekly with each of the Consultants.

G3 Unit

The G3 unit has staff with particular expertise in palliative management and wound management. Sometimes patients who need palliative care will be admitted to G3, perhaps because Hospice is full, or the future care needs are not particularly clear. The G3 unit is in the same building as Hospice, at the Barnard St end of Mercy St.

Geriatric Evaluation and Management (GEM):

GEM is sub-acute care of chronic or complex conditions associated with aging, cognitive dysfunction, chronic illness or disability. These conditions require inpatient admission for review, treatment and management by a geriatrician and multidisciplinary team for a defined episode of care. The GEM client group are predominately, but not limited to, older people with complex, chronic or multiple health care conditions requiring treatment and stabilisation of those conditions and / or medical review for future treatment options or service planning.

Hospice

The Hospice is a 10 bed unit that provides Specialist Palliative symptom management and End of life care to patients within the Loddon Mallee region. The unit is staffed by Specialist Palliative Care Consultant, Registrar and HMO who work alongside trained and experienced Nurses. There is a social worker based on the unit and limited access to Allied Health. We provide management to patients with a malignant and non-malignant diagnosis that have complex symptom control issues and also support complex discharge planning. We have twice weekly ward rounds and MDT with the consultant and the medical staff provides ongoing medical support for the patients throughout the week.

Positions available

- 2 Rehabilitation Registrar positions – college appointed or recruited directly by Bendigo Health
- 2 Geriatric Registrar positions – 1 rotation from Austin Health, college appointed or recruited directly by Bendigo Health
- 4 Intern Positions – PMCV match process
- 1 Palliative Care registrar position –recruited directly by Bendigo Health
- 1 Palliative Care HMO position - recruited directly by Bendigo Health
- 1 Community Geriatric Registrar position - recruited directly by Bendigo Health
- 1 Orthogeriatrics registrar position - recruited directly by Bendigo Health
- 1 GEM on Acute registrar - college appointed or recruited directly by Bendigo Health
- 1 GEM on Acute HMO position - recruited directly by Bendigo Health
- 1 Orthogeriatrics Intern position - PMCV match process

Teaching Opportunities

- Morning handover – daily
- Journal Club – weekly
- Case presentation – weekly
- Clinical Review meeting - fortnightly
- Medical Officers Meeting – fortnightly
- Protected Intern teaching – weekly
- HMO workshops – fortnightly
- Internal and External opportunities are advertised daily on our intranet and all doctors have access to this

Training Pathway

Career Progression at Bendigo Health can include internship, PGY2/3 and registrar positions that will assist in meeting the criteria for college training.

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