

Medical Career Pathways with Bendigo Health

General Surgery

Located in ward 5B, the Surgical Unit at Bendigo Health has 31 beds dedicated to the care of clients within the Loddon Mallee region. From major and minor abdominal procedures to thoracic surgery, the Unit caters for over 200 patients per month. With ever increasing pressures on health systems, it plays a pivotal role in patient flow throughout the organization by facilitating transfers from the Emergency Department, ICU, Operating Theatres, other departments and other facilities. It also facilitates the elective multi-day admissions for those clients within the General surgery umbrella. This flow of patient admission/discharge cannot be achieved without the hard work and dedication of a multi-disciplinary team.

- Complex Care Room – this room provides for close monitoring and specialized care of patients with high clinical needs
- Acute General Surgical Unit (AGSU) – A dedicated team of both medical and nursing staff work within AGSU to manage all acute general surgical conditions which present to the Emergency Department.
- Unit A (General Surgery / Thoracic / Upper GI / ERCP)
- Unit B (General Surgery / Colorectal Surgery / Breast Surgery)
- Unit C1 (General Surgery / Breast Surgery / Paediatric Surgery / Plastics & Reconstructive Surgery)
- Unit C2 (General Surgery/Head & Neck Surgery)

Positions available

- 5 Accredited positions – on rotation from Eastern Health/Austin Health/Western Health
- 4 Unaccredited Surgical Registrar positions - recruited directly by Bendigo Health
- 4 HMO positions - recruited through the PMCV match process (2 Surgical Stream & 2 General Stream)
- 8 Intern positions - PMCV match process

Teaching Opportunities

- Head and Neck MDM - monthly
- Thoracic MDM - weekly
- Audit meeting - weekly
- Pathology MDM - weekly



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- Surgical teaching/ journal club - weekly
- Protected Intern teaching - weekly
- HMO – education - fortnightly
- Internal and External opportunities are advertised 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. The Surgical Stream PGY2/3 years include rotations in surgical and surgical subspecialties such as urology/ENT, orthopaedics and external rotations to Echuca Health and Swan Hill District Health. College training is completed through metropolitan hospitals with rotation to Bendigo Health.

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