

Position Description

Position Title	Paediatric Registrar
Position Number	Enter position number
Division	Clinical Operations
Department	Women and Children
Team	Paediatrics
Enterprise Agreement	Doctors In Training (Victorian Public Health Sector) (AMA VICTORIA/ASMOF) (Single Interest Employers) Enterprise Agreement 2022-2026
Classification Description	Registrar Year 1 - Year 6 and thereafter; Relevant to year of experience
Classification Code	HM25 – HM30; Relevant to year of experience
Reports to	Professional: Clinical Director/ Unit Head Operational: Medical Workforce Unit
Management Level	Non Management
Staff Capability Statement	Please click here for a link to staff capabilities statement

Bendigo Health

With more than 4,500 staff and volunteers and covering an area a quarter of the size of Victoria, Bendigo Health, is an expanding regional health service offering the advantages of city life combined with the beauty and freedom that comes from living in a regional area.

Bendigo Health is a 700 bed service that treats more than 45,000 inpatients, triages more than 65,000 emergency attendees and welcomes more than 1,600 new born babies in a year. In addition more than 15,000 operations are performed in our operating theatres and more than 100,000 occasions of services are provided in our clinics to outpatients.

The organisation provides services in emergency, maternity, women’s health, medical imaging, pathology, rehabilitation, community services, residential aged care, psychiatric care, community dental, hospice/palliative care, cardiology, cancer services and renal dialysis to the people of the Loddon Mallee region.

With our main campus based in Bendigo, our services extend throughout the Loddon Mallee with sites in areas such as Mildura, Echuca, Swan Hill, Kyneton and Castlemaine.

Demand on services is increasing rapidly with Bendigo being one of Victoria’s fastest growing regional cities.

Our Vision

Excellent Care. Every Person. Every Time.

Our Values

CARING – We care for our community

PASSIONATE – We are passionate about doing our best

TRUSTWORTHY - We are open, honest and respectful

All staff at Bendigo Health should have, or aspire to the personal qualities, knowledge and skills as described in the Bendigo Health Staff Capabilities Statement. Refer to link at top of page.

The Clinical Operations Division

The Clinical Operations Division encompasses acute, allied health, cancer and mental health services. We provide a wide range of general medical, surgical and specialty services including but not limited to; Oncology, Cardiology, Renal, Emergency, Women's and Children's, Critical Care, Specialist Clinics, Cancer Clinics and Mental Health Services. Our Allied Health teams provide a diverse range of programs and person centred care in inpatient, outpatient, community, home and residential care settings.

Within a state-of-the-art hospital, our Ambulatory and Critical Care, Medical Services, Surgical Services and Women's and Children's areas use the latest technologies to provide excellent care. Our world class Cancer Centre uses a multi-disciplinary, integrated approach to treat specific cancers. The Cancer Centre offers medical oncology, radiation oncology, specialist nurses, clinical trials and cancer research, palliative care, and a Cancer Wellness Program.

The Mental Health Service provides psychiatric care and treatment across a large catchment area in Victoria stretching from Swan Hill in the north of the state to Gisborne in the south. Family sensitive practice is central to our models of mental health care and best practice ensures the identification, inclusion and support of families, carers and children.

Each year our onsite Specialist Clinics provide over 100,000 service events, we also see more than 60,000 people in our Emergency Department and welcome around 1700 babies into the world. The Clinical Operations Division assists with the admission of more than 50,000 patients into the hospital each year.

The Paediatrics Team

The Paediatrics team consists of 9 VMOs, 5 advanced paediatric registrars, 1 senior paediatric registrar, 1 ICU/ED registrar, 1 GP registrar and 6 HMOs. We have a 12-16 bed children's ward with over 1500 admissions per year and a 10 bed level 4 special care nursery (32 weeks and > 1500gms) with over 300 admissions per year. Bendigo Health is a level 5 maternity service and has > 1600 births per year and our emergency department sees over 135000 paediatric presentations per year. We have a high number of paediatric admissions to the Bendigo Health ICU where we co-manage with the ICU team and PIPER if required.

We have between 8-9 clinics per week including several rapid review/post admission clinics, general paediatric clinics (including behavioural and developmental patients) and a fortnightly paediatric diabetes clinic.

Paediatrics in Bendigo offers a well-supported experience for all trainees across all aspects of acute and ambulatory general paediatrics with a busy perinatal component. You will have great clinical exposure across all aspects of general paediatrics preparing you for consultant practice in Australia.

The Position

The Paediatrics Registrar meets the rural rotation requirements for advanced training in general Paediatrics and it is also an opportunity to experience true Paediatrics.

Other benefits of this role are:

- Exposure in the clinical management of paediatric patients across an entire hospital journey – from ED/ICU to outpatient follow up.
- Video-conferencing reviews for smaller hospitals in the Loddon-Mallee region where neonates or children are admitted and cared for by VMO GPs with advanced paediatric skills.
- Formalised a shared-care oncology model with Monash Children's and the Royal Children's Hospitals in Melbourne (febrile neutropenia and basic chemotherapy).
- Collaboration with the Clinical school of Monash University and are active in teaching and research supervision at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.
- As an Advanced registrar in a small nimble service, new ideas and ways of doing things are welcomed and implementable in your time at Bendigo Health. The sky's the limit!

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Responsibilities and Accountabilities

Key Responsibilities

The primary responsibilities of the Paediatrics Registrar are to provide high quality day to day clinical services to patients admitted under the Paediatricians engaged by Bendigo Health.

- Assisting Specialist Paediatricians in the management of the Paediatric Unit.
- Initial assessment, treatment and on-going management of paediatric patients in the Paediatric Ward and acute attendees in the Emergency Department.
- Initiate, implement and monitor management of patients under supervision, incorporating the appropriate testing and investigation.
- Thoroughly and promptly correlate and record in the medical record the information obtained from various sources, in an appropriate and ongoing manner, from the initial assessment, treatment, clinical progress and investigations, and to succinctly record this in discharge summary at the time of discharge.
- Foster rapport and good communications using appropriate language, written or verbal, with the patient and other parties as required; including contact with the referring Medical Practitioner.
- Use technology appropriately, with cost benefit and potential patient benefit and complications considered.
- Appropriately liaise with all staff involved in the care of the patient, including communication and referrals necessary for ongoing care post-discharge.
- Supervision of more junior staff and Medical Students.
- Liaison with Nursing, Allied Health and other HMO's & Specialist Medical Staff in achieving high standards of patient care and efficient use of available resources.

- Management of neonates in the Special Care Baby Unit and attendance at high risk deliveries and caesarean sections as requested.
- Routine assessment of newborns prior to discharge in conjunction with the Obstetrics & Gynaecology Registrars.
- Other duties as specified from time to time by the Medical Director or Specialist Paediatricians.
- Night shifts are part of the regular roster.
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Employees are required to carry out lawful directions outlined above or delegated to them. The work to be performed is set out in this position description and, where relevant, any professional standards and codes of conduct and ethics issued by the relevant professional association.

Generic Responsibilities

Code of Conduct - The Victorian Government's Code of Conduct is binding on all Bendigo Health staff. Contravention of a provision in the code may constitute misconduct and/ or regarded as a breach of the employee's employment agreement and will be dealt with under the organisations Counselling and Disciplinary Action Policy.

Compliance with policies and procedures - All Bendigo Health's policies and procedures are set out in its clinical and managerial policy manuals located on the intranet under PROMPT and in hard copy. All staff must ensure they comply with policies, procedures and standard ways of work practices when carrying out their work. Any breach in compliance may result in disciplinary action.

Occupational Health and Safety - Every staff member has the responsibility to take reasonable care of their own health and safety and the safety of others, to cooperate with Bendigo Health's OH&S policies and to participate in appropriate safety education and evaluation activities. All staff are expected to participate in reporting any health, safety and wellbeing issues. Any breach in compliance may result in disciplinary action.

Infection Control - Every staff member has the responsibility to minimise incidents of infection/ cross infection of residents, staff, visitors and the general public. All staff must adhere to the policies and procedures as set out in Bendigo Health's infection control manuals. Any breach in compliance may result in disciplinary action.

Confidentiality - All information concerning Bendigo Health, its patients, clients, residents and staff should remain strictly confidential. Any unauthorised disclosure of such information may result in disciplinary action.

Quality Improvement - Bendigo Health is dedicated to improving the quality and safety of health services by providing care within the following domains of quality: Consumer Participation, Clinical Effectiveness, Effective Workforce and Risk Management. As a result, we apply the concept of the quality cycle for all our quality activities, initiatives and projects thereby ensuring the best possible care and treatment results are achieved. The underlying principle of the cycle is that an activity is not complete until evaluation shows that it has been effective and reached the desired outcome. As a Bendigo Health employee you have a responsibility to participate in and commit to ongoing quality improvement activities using the framework of the NSQHSS (National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards).

Diversity – Each person has a right to high-quality health care and opportunities regardless of diversity factors, which might include aspects such as cultural, ethnic, linguistic, religious background, gender, sexual orientation, age and socio-economic status. Every staff member has a responsibility to recognise and respect diversity. Inclusiveness improves our service to our community and promotes engagement amongst staff.

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Key Selection Criteria

Qualifications

- MBBS or equivalent degree with current General Registration with AHPRA
- At least 2 years post-graduate experience
- Current membership of RACP General Paediatrics training program

Specialist Expertise

- Demonstrated appropriate level of experience and skills in the medical assessment and clinical management of patients.
- Satisfactory completion of a minimum of one term in paediatrics or in an emergency department where children are seen
- Thorough understanding of the relevant legislation pertaining to Medical Officers.
- Demonstrated commitment to regional/rural or remote medical practice

Personal Qualities, Knowledge and Skills

- High level interpersonal and communication skills and the ability to communicate confidently and appropriately with patients and their families and other health professionals
- Evidence of on-going professional development to continually update personal medical knowledge and skills
- Ability to effectively use organisational skills (incorporating documentation, time management skills, critical thinking and priority setting)
- Ability to operate in an environment of change.
- Ability to work as an effective team member in a multi-disciplinary environment as well as independently (under appropriate supervision)

Mandatory Requirements

National Police Record Check A current and satisfactory National Police Record Check must be completed by all new staff prior to commencement at Bendigo Health.

Immunisation As a health provider dedicated to providing quality patient care, we all need to be aware of the critical importance of infection control. Each staff member has a responsibility to comply with Bendigo Health's Staff Immunisation Policy and various infection control policy and procedures. All staff are required to provide evidence of vaccinations prior to commencement at Bendigo Health

Working with Children Check Bendigo Health has a responsibility to provide a child safe environment. This position is a defined "child-related role" at Bendigo Health. As such you must maintain a valid working with

children check. In addition you will be required to assist Bendigo Health in providing a child safe environment by participating in any training or reporting required to ensure the protection of children in our care.

Registration with Professional Regulatory Body or relevant Professional Association For example, AHPRA, AHRI, RACS etc. The work to be performed is set out in this position description and, where relevant, any professional standards and codes of conduct and ethics issued by the relevant professional association.

All Bendigo Health sites, workplaces and vehicles are smoke free.

This position description is intended to describe the general nature and level of work that is to be performed by the person appointed to the role. It is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties and skills required. Any elements of this document may be changed at Bendigo Health's discretion and activities may be added, removed or amended at any time.