



Our vision

To be a great children's hospital

Our values

Unity, passion, integrity, respect, excellence

Our goals

Excellence in healthcare
Leadership in research and education
Focus on quality and safety
Partners in paediatric care
Improved organisational environment

Position Description

Title:	Fellow Paediatric Haematologist/Oncologist
Department:	Children's Cancer Centre, Royal Children's Hospital
Agreement:	AMA HMO Certified Agreement 2002, Heads of Agreement 2006
Classification:	Based on Experience
Responsible to:	Director, Clinical Services, Children's Cancer Centre and Director, Children's Cancer Centre

The Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) in Melbourne is a leading provider of specialist public health services for children and adolescents and is the major specialist paediatric hospital in Victoria, caring for children from Tasmania and southern New South Wales as well as other states around Australia and overseas.

The Royal Children's Hospital is committed to a philosophy and practice of quality management to ensure the best possible services to patients. This entails an organisational structure which

- Devolves decision making and accountability, within clearly defined delegations, to patient care providers as close as possible to the consumer
- Encourages and supports teamwork and coordination amongst staff
- Develops the participation of consumers and workers in the planning and evaluation processes.

Further information on RCH is available at <http://www.rch.org.au/>

The Paediatric Integrated Cancer Services (PICS) is a partnership between the Royal Children's Hospital, Southern Health and Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre. The aim of the collaboration is to improve the planning and delivery of care for children with cancer. Depending on the task, the staff member may be required to work within the other campuses, the PICS team and other key staff to achieve an integrated cancer program for children across the sites.

The goal of the service is to provide an integrated collaborative approach to the service delivery for children with cancer across Victoria. The focus is to deliver the best quality care in the best facility as close to home as possible. As a member of staff working in the CCC at the RCH, the staff are expected to collaborate within their area of expertise to the development of a Paediatric Integrated Cancer Service.

CHILDREN'S CANCER CENTRE PURPOSE OR MISSION STATEMENT:

- To provide comprehensive clinical care to children and teenagers (and their families) with cancer and blood disorders.
- To undertake clinical research.
- To undertake laboratory research.
- To provide undergraduate and postgraduate educational.
- To participate in national and international clinical trials and research activities.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Individual training or development objectives:

- Suitable for someone wishing to pursue a career in Haematology/Oncology.
- Suitable for training in acute paediatric medicine for a career in general paediatrics or another sub-specialty.
- Aim to develop an in-depth knowledge of epidemiology, natural history, treatment and outcome of childhood malignancy and non-malignant haematology.
- Supervise overall clinical care of all inpatients.
- Provide consultation advice on investigation and management to other units in conjunction with the senior medical staff.
- Perform a clinical research project or small laboratory based research project.
- Attend appropriate inter hospital haematology and oncology meetings.
- Obtain in depth knowledge in coagulation disorders, red cell disorders, benign white cell disorders.
- Attend clinic at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre.
- Attend clinic at the Monash Medical Centre.
- Supervise house staff and provide guidance to them.
- Regular liaison with consultants on all aspects of patient care and patient management.
- Ensure interdisciplinary communication and effective team work.

Inpatients:

- Review in detail all newly diagnosed patients.
- Guide house staff on investigations and management.
- Assist registrar in management of seriously ill patients particularly transplant patients.
- Closely follow and manage all stem cell transplant patients.
- Supervise stem cell harvest procedures on peripheral blood, learn and perform bone marrow harvest procedures.
- Initial discussion with newly diagnosed families under supervision at first and then alone. Be familiar with current unit protocols.
- Be responsible for the day to day running of the ward.
- Review slides of bone marrow on all newly diagnosed patients.
- Review histology slides of newly diagnosed solid tumours.

Outpatients:

- Follow clinical course of a range of newly diagnosed patients.
- Follow course of patients already under treatment.
- Supervise running of day chemotherapy unit.
- Attend clinics. Able to act independently of consultant once competence judged satisfactory.

Administrative tasks:

- **Discharge summaries:** Review with registrar and SMOs.
- Arrange combined therapy clinic and present where appropriate. Fully inform referring paediatricians and family doctors of patients course both when IP and OP.
- Attend Ward Round, Journal Club, Combined Therapy Clinic and other meetings with the CCC and RCH.

Clinical tasks:

- Participate in consultant after hours on call (with back up from Consultant)
- Undertake undergraduate teaching both medical and paramedical.

QUALIFICATIONS:

MBBS, Part 1 FRACP or equivalent and at least 2 years general paediatrics experience at registrar level.

EXPERIENCE REQUIRED:

Intern, Junior and Senior HMO, Registrar (at least 2 years)