

ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

POSITION DESCRIPTION AND TRAINING GUIDE

POSITION TITLE: Clinical Fellow (65% MCRI; 35% RCH)

DEPARTMENT: Endocrinology & Diabetes/Centre for Hormone Research

AWARD/ AGREEMENT: Externally funded

ROSTERED HOURS OF WORK: 38 hours, generally 9 AM – 5 PM

REPORTS TO: Prof. George Werther

PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR TRAINING: Prof. George Werther

DEPARTMENT'S PURPOSE OR MISSION STATEMENT:

The Department of Endocrinology & Diabetes aims to provide the highest possible level of clinical care for children and adolescents with endocrine disorders and their families. Research in the Centre for Hormone Research seeks more effective prevention and treatment of disorders that affect growth and sexual development, and the major chronic childhood and adolescence disease of diabetes.

INDIVIDUAL TRAINING OR DEVELOPMENTAL OBJECTIVES:

Each Fellow's program is individually designed, taking previous experience, duration of the proposed attachment, fluency in English and personal aspirations into account. Some Fellows desire minimal clinical contact, others want only clinical experience and our program is flexible. All Fellows are encouraged to actively participate in Department academic sessions including Journal Club, Clinical Meetings, Research Group discussions, Business Meetings. All Fellows undertake research either of a clinical nature or in some cases, in the laboratory. Laboratory projects can only be considered if funding is available. Fellows are expected to (a) write up their research results in publishable form before they leave and (b) where possible, to present their data at a national scientific conference.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

To be a legally qualified medical practitioner
Planning to continue in paediatric endocrinology long term
Satisfactory references

EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

Postgraduate experience in paediatrics and endocrinology

DEPARTMENTAL MEETINGS

Day	Time	Session
Monday	4-5PM	Either: Clinical teaching Session OR Endocrinology-Biochem Session (alternating)
Tues (1 ST & 3 RD)	8-9 AM	Endocrine Journal Club
Tues	1-2 PM	Diabetes Clinical Meeting
Tues (2 nd of each month)	12:30-1:30PM	Inter-hospital Endocrine Clinical meeting
Wed	-	-
Thurs	-	-
Fri	1:30-2:30PM	Endocrine Clinical Meeting

DEPARTMENTAL TRAINING ACTIVITIES

- Techniques: dynamic testing procedures, testosterone and Zoladex implants
- Interpretation of biochemistry results (Endo-Chem session)
- Scientific presentation and writing
- Opportunity to attend courses on biomedical statistics & epidemiology

COMMUNICATION / LINES OF RESPONSIBILITY

Fellow

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Director of Fellows' Program

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Director, Centre for Hormone Research

PEOPLE MANAGEMENT

- Fellows are taught counselling techniques, how to organize support group activities, how to communicate with patients and parents.
- Weekly mentoring session with Director of Fellows' Program

RESEARCH PROGRAM

- A mix of clinical and laboratory research to be supervised by a senior staff member.
- Time commitment: 26 hours per week

Position summary

Key areas of responsibility within the clinical department:

Inpatients:

Clinical privileges to serve as Junior Consultant, at the discretion of the Director of Endocrinology & Diabetes. The roster is by negotiation with each Fellow. Generally 4-6 hours per week on ward rounds.

Outpatients:

Opportunity for all Fellows to attend Outpatient Clinics, initially as observers, and later to see patients of their own in consultation with one of the Endocrinologists. Generally two clinics per week.

Administrative tasks:

Organization of meetings, rosters for presentations.

Other:

None.

General hospital responsibilities

No clinical duties outside the Department of Endocrinology & Diabetes except some outreach clinics and twice monthly attendance at RMH - Young Adult Diabetes clinic.

Weekends are free.

No night responsibilities.

Attend Grand Rounds.

Attend General Paediatrics Meeting.

Attend MCRI Seminars according to individual interests.

Overall time commitment to clinical/administrative and teaching responsibility approximately 12 hours per week.

CONTACT

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