

THE ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

POSITION DESCRIPTION

POSITION TITLE:	FELLOW – INFECTIOUS DISEASES
DEPARTMENT:	PAEDIATRIC INFECTIOUS DISEASES UNIT, DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL MEDICINE, RCH
AWARD / AGREEMENT:	AMA HMO Certified Agreement 2002, Heads of Agreement 2008
ROSTERED HOURS OF WORK:	43 hours per week
REPORTS TO:	PROF NIGEL CURTIS / PROF MIKE SOUTH
SUPERVISOR (Person responsible for feedback / training):	PROF NIGEL CURTIS

Department's purpose or mission statement

- To provide a timely, relevant, reliable, and responsive diagnostic and consultancy service to patients and their carers within the Network.

Individual training or development objectives

- To gain experience in the clinical and laboratory diagnosis, and the management of patients with infectious diseases.
- To gain experience with research, including project designs, data analysis and report writing in the fields of clinical microbiology and infectious diseases.

Qualifications required

Registered medical practitioner.

Experience required

At least 3 years experience in a formal paediatric training program.

Position summary

The Fellow will be an advanced trainee pursuing a career in infectious diseases or alternatively planning a career in an area of paediatrics in which knowledge and expertise in paediatric infectious diseases would be of particular benefit. Their principal duties will involve serving as a reference point for infectious disease consultations in the Royal Children's Hospital and acting as a liaison between the clinical departments and the microbiology diagnostic laboratory. They are also expected to undertake at least one research project during their tenure.

Key areas of responsibility within the department

Act as a contact point for consultations arising from all areas of the Network with respect to the diagnosis and management of patients with infectious diseases and related issues pertaining to infection control.

Administrative tasks

Inpatient consults: detailed documentation in patient's UR.

Discharge summaries: not applicable.

Presentations and teaching: representing Paediatric Infectious Diseases Unit both within and occasionally outside the hospital

Other: Convene and organise regular departmental meetings (see below).

Departmental meetings

To be convened:

- Daily 'show and tell' laboratory meetings
- Weekly team ward rounds
- Weekly x-ray sessions
- Weekly journal club

Departmental training activities

Participate in medical student teaching as required.

Hosting and supervising of elective medical students and other visiting clinicians.

Communication / lines of responsibility

- Primary responsibility is to the Director of the Department of General Medicine.
- Secondary responsibility to Head of Paediatric Infectious Diseases Unit, Department of General Medicine.
- Expected to work closely with other consultants in the Paediatric Infectious Diseases Unit, the Immunisation Service team, the Immigrant Health Service team and the Department of Microbiology, including the Microbiology Registrar, Infection Control team and senior scientists.

People management

Not applicable.

General hospital responsibilities**General or Specialities A/H, W/E roster**

Not applicable.