

**Fellow in Community Child Health
Southern Health Monash Medical Centre, Clayton**

Qualifications: Applicants are expected to be FRACP advanced trainees in Paediatrics

Hours and Duration: This is a full time position for 1 year.

Duties and Experience: *Community:* The fellow has two bases –at Specialist Children’s Services, Cheltenham, where the fellow works with the team, seeing referred children and advising on the health aspects of children seen by team members; and seeing children referred by other community child health workers including maternal and child health nurses, preschool field officers, and school nurses. The second base is at Queen Elizabeth Centre. QEC is a short stay residential unit which deals with families and children where there are concerns about sleep, behaviour and parenting skills. A number of families are referred by protective services because of concern about parenting capacity. The fellow acts as a paediatric advisor to the staff.

Hospital: Developmental Disabilities Clinic (weekly)

The Developmental Disabilities Clinic is the major administrative base for the fellowship program. It is a multidisciplinary assessment clinic, with a large staff of paediatricians, psychologists and speech pathologists, which sees children referred with concerns about early development, learning, behaviour and autism-related functions. There is an extensive program of clinical and teaching meetings throughout the year.

Spina Bifida Clinic (rostered for two clinics every three months). The Spina Bifida Clinic is a monthly multidisciplinary service concerned with the long term management of children with spina bifida.

General Paediatric Clinic (weekly) this is a general paediatrics service. The community fellows see children referred with developmental and behavioural concerns.

Other clinics including the Child Sexual Abuse Clinic are available to fellows with relevant training needs.

Fellows will also be rostered, relatively infrequently, in the emergency department.

Teaching: There is opportunity to be involved in undergraduate and postgraduate teaching at all clinics and at other times.

Training Program: This position is part of the Victorian Training Program in Community Child Health. The VTPCCH provides an orientation program at the beginning of the year and weekly half day seminar and supervision sessions throughout the year.

Supervision: Supervision is provided at three levels. Staff are available at all work sites to provide information and advice. The major Monash Medical Centre supervisor is the Head of the Developmental Disabilities Clinic (currently Philip Graves) who provides individual and group (for all three Monash-based fellows) approximately fortnightly. Further group supervision is provided at the weekly seminars.

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