



Fellowship in Paediatric Gastroenterology and Clinical Nutrition

Thank you for enquiring about the fellowship in Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Clinical Nutrition at the Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) in Melbourne. The RCH is a globally recognized institution that provides tertiary paediatric health care for children from Victoria and for many other surrounding states. It is co-located in central Melbourne with the Murdoch Children's Research Institute and the University of Melbourne (Department of Paediatrics). The RCH is also part of the vibrant health and academic precinct, which includes the above-mentioned institutions and others including the Royal Women's Hospital, Royal Melbourne Hospital and Peter McCallum Cancer Centre. The Florey, Walter and Eliza Hall and Doherty Institutes are also nearby. Our department, provides all aspects of tertiary and quaternary clinical care in gastroenterology. We are the paediatric liver transplant program for Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania and the national referral centre for paediatric multi-visceral intestinal transplantation. The department has a dedicated paediatric home parenteral nutrition and intestinal rehabilitation (IR) service, and provide a substantial clinical service in inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) and Cystic Fibrosis (CF) in Victoria. We perform nearly 2,500 endoscopies per year and offer a full range of diagnostic and therapeutic services. There is also an active gastrointestinal motility and multi-disciplinary gastrostomy service. Over 25 clinics are conducted weekly on site and include general gastroenterology, clinical nutrition/IR, hepatology/transplant, CF and IBD. The inpatient service is busy with complex case-mix of infants and children with IBD, liver disease including post-transplant care and intestinal failure. This service is supported by specialist nurse consultants, a registrar and two resident medical officers. The consultative part of our practice is extensive and involves collaboration with all other departments in the hospital, several referral hospitals and doctors in the community (both General Practitioners and Pediatricians).

Training is provided by our consultant team (13 Gastroenterologists and Hepatologists) and members from other hospital departments. There are weekly interactive teaching sessions and fortnightly after-hours sessions that cover the curriculum provided by the Royal Australasian College of Physicians. There are several weekly meetings including a multi-disciplinary ward round, Liver/Intestinal transplant, Clinical Nutrition/IR, IBD and CF meetings in which trainees are expected to participate. There are monthly pathology and radiology meetings, regular journal clubs and quality assurance and improvement meetings. Several other hospital-wide meetings like grand rounds or general medicine teaching rounds can also be attended. Fellows are expected to educate junior medical and nursing staff on a regular basis.

We offer clinical research opportunities and it's desirable that fellows participate in such projects. Each of our consultant staff have individual areas of interest, hence it is advisable to discuss potential projects early at the commencement of your training year allowing adequate time for project completion.

Each fellow is supervised by two Royal Australasian College of Physicians ratified supervisors who will meet with them on a quarterly basis to provide formal feedback.

The general structure of the program allows fellows access to all aspects of inpatient and outpatient care on offer and this will be done through structured rotations. In addition to this, fellows will be allocated weekly endoscopy sessions. Administrative duties are allocated at the commencement of each year and participation in a mandatory after-hours on call clinical roster with consultant supervision is expected. We offer 3 positions annually and will advertise in April/May of the preceding year. Trainees from overseas are encouraged to apply but will need to satisfy certain requirements including evidence of prior training (CV and university transcripts), two letters of recommendation and successfully passed the mandatory English tests required for medical registration in Australia.

Follow the below external link for AHPRA requirements for registration standard: English language skills. [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency - English language skills \(ahpra.gov.au\)](https://www.ahpra.gov.au)

The fellowship contracts are for 12 months, while successful candidates upon notification are also eligible to apply for the "Arnold Smith Liver Fellowship" which allows a day a week of protected time research.

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