

Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia – Victorian Branch
Hospital Pharmacy Intern Training
2015

Hospital

The Royal Children's Hospital

50 Flemington Road
Parkville VIC 3052

Campus at which pharmacy interns will work

- The Royal Children's Hospital (12 months)

Hospital Information

The Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) is a specialist paediatric hospital that provides a full range of clinical services, tertiary care and health promotion and prevention programs for children and adolescents. RCH is the major specialist paediatric hospital in Victoria, and also cares for children from other states and overseas.

Some Facts about RCH:

- RCH clinicians and scientists first discovered that rotavirus is a cause of gastroenteritis
- RCH is the Australian National Centre for cardiac transplantation
- RCH is the leading centre in Australia for bone marrow and cord blood transplantation in children
- Australia's first gait laboratory for children is located at RCH
- World-wide changes in measles immunisation in children were initiated at RCH
- RCH leads Australian studies into childhood allergy
- World experts in paediatric anaesthetics work at RCH
- RCH provides Australia's most comprehensive care program for neonates
- RCH is internationally recognised for work on ethical and legal aspects of newborn care
- RCH developed a video EEG monitoring system, which is now used internationally and has been integrated with the best epilepsy surgical program in Australia
- RCH is conducting a landmark longitudinal study of childhood asthma into adulthood
- In December 2011 we moved into the new, world-class RCH building

For more information visit The Royal Children's Hospital website at www.rch.org.au

Pharmacy Department

Department Head

Mr Brian Lilley
Director of Pharmacy
Tel. 03 9345 5492
E-mail brian.lilley@rch.org.au

Department Information

- Approximately 30 pharmacists
- Regular Continuing Education lectures within the department and weekly Hospital Grand Round lectures presented by renowned speakers
- Opportunity to attend professional seminars and conferences
- Facilities and support for project work
- Friendly & fun work environment

Services Provided

- Clinical pharmacy services are provided to the Intensive Care Unit, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Children's Cancer Centre, Children's Neuroscience Centre, Cardiology, Adolescent Medicine, General Medical, Surgical, Orthopaedics, Gastroenterology, Rehabilitation, Endocrinology and Thoracic wards
- Centralised outpatient and discharge dispensary as well as satellite pharmacies on each floor
- Manufacture of a large range of extemporaneous products to facilitate accurate/convenient doses for paediatric patients
- Total Parenteral Nutrition, chemotherapy and specialised fluids are manufactured on-site
- Co-ordination of medications for Hospital in The Home patients
- Paediatric Drug Information Centre
- Paediatric Clinical Trials
- The pharmacy department is actively involved in the Adverse Drug Reaction, Drug Usage and Medication Safety Committees

Facilities at The Royal Children's Hospital

- Brand new world-class hospital
- Privately-owned community pharmacy on-site
- Cafés and convenience store
- Shops and regular auxiliary stalls
- Direct tram service; tram stops in front of the hospital (#55, #59)

Pharmacy Intern Training Program

Pharmacy Intern Program Coordinator

Jennifer Lewis B.Pharm (Hons)
Clinical Pharmacist & Intern Coordinator
Tel. 9345 5558
E-mail Jennifer.Lewis@rch.org.au

Pharmacy Intern Training Program

- Pharmacy Interns will have a week of orientation to the RCH Pharmacy department to learn basic technical and clinical skills before integration into the general roster
- Each pharmacy intern is assigned their own preceptor for the year. Preceptors will periodically evaluate an intern's performance to assist with their development throughout the year
- During the intern year, interns will spend time in all areas of the RCH Pharmacy Department including: ward pharmacy services in a variety of clinical areas, outpatient dispensary, oncology pharmacy, sterile and non-sterile manufacturing and the Drug Information Centre. Rotations will usually be 3-4 weeks in length with shorter rotations to the intensive care units
- After a period of clinical pharmacy training, pharmacy interns will be given the opportunity to be responsible for the pharmacy services of an allocated ward for a 3-4 week period (with the support and supervision of pharmacists)
- The RCH Pharmacy Internship manual provides a list of objectives and self-directed learning activities for each rotation
- RCH offers a comprehensive pharmacy intern tutorial program, covering a wide range of drug therapies and primary healthcare topics as well as practice exam sessions
- Pharmacy interns are given the opportunity to spend a week working in a community pharmacy of their choice to assist with exam preparation

Contact people

For more information about the Pharmacy Intern Program at RCH contact

Jennifer Lewis
Tel. 03 9345 5558
E-mail Jennifer.Lewis@rch.org.au