

Position Description

Position Title	RCH Neuromuscular Fellowship 2026		
Unit / Branch	Neurology		
Classification	HM25-30 as per Doctors In Training (Victorian Public Health Sector) (Ama Victoria/Asmof) (Single Interest Employers) Enterprise Agreement 2022-2026	Employment Status	Fixed term, Full time
Position reports to	Dr Eppie Yiu, Dr Ian Woodcock, Dr Kathryn Irving		
Location	The Royal Children's Hospital, Flemington Road, Parkville		
Position Contact	Dr Eppie Yiu		

The Royal Children's Hospital

The Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) provides secondary and tertiary care to children and young people across the northern and western suburbs; specialist paediatric healthcare to the children of Victoria, Tasmania, southern NSW and parts of South Australia; and is the designated statewide provider of services including paediatric trauma, rehabilitation and forensic medicine. As a quaternary centre for complex cardiac surgery and organ transplantation, the RCH cares for the sickest children from around Australia.

The hospital employs 5,000 staff and has an annual budget of \$620million. It moved to a new, multi-award winning building at 50 Flemington Rd, Parkville.

The Royal Children's Hospital is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. Click here for further information on our Commitment to Child Safety: <http://www.rch.org.au/quality/child-safety/>

The RCH values and pursues innovation, and in April 2016 became the first Australian hospital to implement the world-leading 'Epic' electronic medical record (EMR). The EMR includes an online portal to give families and young people the ability to manage and change appointments, quickly receive test results and renew scripts, and review outpatient notes. The EMR is a major investment in the digital transformation of healthcare: The real-time capture and analysis of data to drive improvements in care, and ultimately achieve better health outcomes for young patients.

The RCH Department of Neurology is one of the busiest child neurology services in Australia. In addition to general neurology, the Department provides subspecialty services in epilepsy, neuromuscular disorders, stroke, neurogenetics, neurofibromatosis, neuro-oncology, demyelination and movement disorders.

Further information on RCH is available at www.rch.org.au

ROLE PURPOSE

The Neuromuscular Program within the Department of Neurology at the Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) is recognised nationally and internationally as a leading centre in the management and research of children with neuromuscular disorders. Special areas of expertise include management of inherited and acquired neuromuscular disorders in a multidisciplinary setting, investigation and diagnosis of inherited neuromuscular conditions, involvement in international multi-centre clinical trials, registries and collaborations, and neurophysiology studies. The Neuromuscular program includes paediatric specialists in neuromuscular disorders, clinical nurse specialists, neurophysiologists, genetic and allied health professionals. The program runs weekly multidisciplinary neuromuscular clinics, nerve conduction/electromyography lists and procedural lists for administration of neuromuscular therapies.

The Neuromuscular Fellowship includes a mix of service and training activities and is tailored to the trainee's skills and needs. The fellowship offers clinical training in diagnosis and management of neuromuscular diseases. The fellow will have the opportunity to participate in the development of clinical research projects.

Clinical duties will be supervised by one of the neuromuscular neurologists.

Specific duties of the Fellow include:

- Seeing patients in the weekly supervised multidisciplinary neuromuscular clinic.
- Seeing patients in a weekly supervised general neurology clinic.
- Attendance at the weekly nerve conduction/electromyography list, and any additional studies scheduled for outpatients/inpatients.
- Coordination of inpatient neurophysiologic studies.
- Seeing neuromuscular inpatient admissions and consults, and supervision of junior medical staff attending these patients.
- Attendance at Neurology ward rounds and clinical meetings, and coordination of regular departmental neuropathology meetings.
- Attend and present at the weekly Neurology seminars, and attend the weekly Neuroradiology Meeting.
- Participation in the after-hours on-call roster.
- Involvement in a clinical research project is encouraged. This may take up to one day per week.

Dependent on service requirements and the Fellow's level of experience, the fellowship may include a rotation through a general neurology or specialist epilepsy rotation.

Teaching

The fellowship provides ample time to attend clinical meetings, ward rounds, and seminars, observe specialised clinics, and learn important aspects of neurophysiology and multidisciplinary management of neuromuscular disorders.

The Fellow is encouraged to attend weekly teaching sessions in neurophysiology and clinical neurology run by the department, the RACP paediatric 'Brain School', the monthly ANZCNS case presentations, and other relevant courses in neurology and neuroscience if their clinical schedule allows, such as the weekly Victorian adult neurology registrar lectures.

Six months of the fellowship can be accredited as core training by the RACP STC in Neurology and six months as non-core training.

Remuneration

The classification of this role is determined by the Doctors-In-Training (Single Interest Employers) Enterprise Agreement, 2022 - 2026, and paid accordingly.

KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES

The Fellow is responsible to Dr Eppie Yiu with respect to general operational and clinical issues of the Fellowship. In Dr Yiu's absence, the Fellow reports to Dr Ian Woodcock or Dr Kathryn Irving. For other issues related to employment, the Fellow reports to the Director of Neurology, Professor Mark Mackay.

The Fellow is advised to seek and respect the advice of the neuromuscular nursing and allied health clinicians, who are expert and knowledgeable in their areas.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Qualifications required

- MB BS or equivalent, and completion of basic paediatric training, are mandatory.
- Specialist qualification or advanced training in paediatric neurology is preferred.
- All International Medical Graduate applicants need to refer to the AHPRA website to ensure they have passed the necessary English language test at the time of application <https://www.ahpra.gov.au/Registration/Registration-Standards/English-language-skills.aspx>

Experience required

- Ideally, an FRACP Advanced Trainee (or equivalent) who has completed basic general paediatric training and is currently undertaking or has completed paediatric neurology or adult neurology training.

KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

The successful applicant will have previous paediatric neurology experience. Applicants are expected to be able to provide a high standard of patient care, and possess skills in communication, problem-solving, and organisation, as well as the ability to work both independently as well as in a multi-disciplinary team. Previous research experience is desirable but not mandatory.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

All employees are required to adhere to the Royal Children's Hospital Values:

- Unity - We work as a team and in partnership with our communities
- Respect - We respect the rights of all and treat people the way we would like them to treat us
- Integrity - We believe that how we work is as important as the work we do
- Excellence - We are committed to achieving our goals and improving outcomes

RCH COMPACT

All new and existing employees commit to the RCH Compact to contribute to a strong and respectful culture.

- ***We do better work caring for children and families when we also care for each other***
- *I actively promote and celebrate our diverse team*
- *I bring a positive attitude to work – I share, I laugh, I enjoy other's company*
- *I take responsibility for my behaviour and its impact on others*
- *I am curious and seek out ways to constantly learn and improve*
- *I celebrate the good stuff, the small stuff, the big stuff – it all matters*
- *I speak up when things aren't right*
- *I value the many different roles it takes to deliver great patient care*
- *I actively listen to others, because I want to make the best decision*

Potential employees will be required to undertake a National Criminal Record Check and a Working With Children Check.

QUALITY, SAFETY AND IMPROVEMENT

RCH Employees are required to:

- Act in accordance and comply with all relevant Safety and Quality policies and procedures
- Participate in and contribute to quality improvement programs and commit to RCH Values
- Comply with the Requirements of the National Safety & Quality Health Service Standards
- Comply with all relevant clinical and/or competency standards
- Comply with the principles of Patient and Family Centred Care that relate to this position

The RCH is committed to a diverse and inclusive workforce. We encourage applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, all members of the LGBTQI community and people with disability.

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