

Position Description

Position title	Nuclear Medicine Specialist
Department / Division	Medical Imaging Department
Classification	Sessional Specialist HN19 - HN59
Position reports to	Operational: Head of Nuclear Medicine & PET Professional: Director, Medical Imaging
No. of direct & indirect reports	N/A
Location	The Royal Children's Hospital, Flemington Road, Parkville
Risk category	Category A - works in a direct patient contact role and has or potential to have exposure to blood or body fluids.

The Royal Children's Hospital
The Royal Children's Hospital's (RCH) vision is A world where all kids thrive. RCH is located within the Melbourne Biomedical Precinct, with more than 45 world-class biomedical organisations and more than 50,000 of the brightest minds working together to make the Precinct number one in the Asia Pacific region for health, education, research, and training. Within this, RCH is also a cornerstone member of the Melbourne Children's Campus, partnering with Murdoch Children's Research Institute, The University of Melbourne Department of Paediatrics and The Royal Children's Hospital Foundation. Each organisation contributes to a paediatric academic health centre which is greater than the sum of its parts. RCH has cared for the children and young people of Victoria for more than 150 years since it was founded in 1870. A full range of paediatric and adolescent health services are provided plus tertiary and quaternary care for the most critically ill and medically complex patients in Victoria. Tasmania, southern NSW and other states around Australia and overseas. The RCH is the only provider of heart transplant services and CAR T-cell therapy for paediatrics in Australia. RCH is an effective advocate for patients and their families with a particular focus on vulnerable children and increasingly, mental health in young people. The hospital also supports many health promotion and prevention programs. The Hospital has more than 6,000 staff, a budget of \$850M, 12 wards and 350 beds. Annually, the RCH has 300,000+ Specialist Clinic appointments, 90,000+ Emergency Department presentations and 20,000 elective surgeries. We work collaboratively with hospitals to deliver the right care, in the right place, at the right time. The RCH is committed to the Child Safe Standards https://www.rch.org.au/quality/child-safety/. RCH enjoys high employee engagement and is committed to staff safety and a positive culture through enactment of our Compact. Further information on RCH is available at www.rch.org.au

ROLE PURPOSE

The purpose of this role is to provide a consultative specialist paediatric Nuclear Medicine services to referring doctors and to assist with promotion and advancement of knowledge, techniques and standards in Nuclear Medicine. The comprehensive range of primary to quaternary level paediatric imaging procedures performed include paediatric Nuclear Medicine including MR PET. Flexible sessional arrangements may be considered but need to align with the operational needs of the department. Participation in the after-hours on call roster for Nuclear Medicine and participation in department meetings and teaching is also expected as part of the role. Academic interests are encouraged.

KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES

- Deliver high-quality Nuclear Medicine services to support optimal care for patients at the Royal Children's Hospital.
- Provide compassionate, patient-centered care that reduces anxiety and promotes comfort for children and their carers
- Maintain and continually advance expertise in paediatric Nuclear Medicine, ensuring best practice standards.
- Coordinate Nuclear Medicine services effectively when assigned as team leader, fostering collaboration and efficiency
- Demonstrate leadership through professionalism, integrity, and exemplary clinical practice
- Actively participate in departmental and hospital meetings, committees, teaching, and research activities as directed by the Director of Medical Imaging
- Collaborate with fellow Nuclear Medicine specialists to ensure seamless care and coordination of imaging services for referred patients
- Adhere to RCH protocols, including the "Proceduralist Consent Checking Procedure," to uphold patient safety and quality standards
- Comply with all hospital policies and procedures, including Occupational Health and Safety, Confidentiality, and Consumer and Community Participation
- Treat patients, families, and colleagues with respect, maintaining a professional and empathetic approach in all interactions
- Engage in ongoing professional development in alignment with the FAANMS Continuing Professional Development program

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Essential:

- Registration as a Medical Practitioner with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA)
- Recognised as a specialist in Nuclear Medicine (FAANMS)
- A demonstrable commitment to Continuing Education and Professional Development
- Experience in paediatric imaging and experience in reporting PET imaging

KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

- Perform, supervise and interpret Nuclear Medicine studies at a high level of competency
- Proven ability to work effectively in a multidisciplinary team and motivate others
- Communicate effectively with referring doctors, staff and consumers
- Driven to achieve goals on an individual and organisational level
- Proven leadership ability with a focus on teaching and sharing knowledge
- Flexible approach to duties and responsibilities as required to optimally provide specialist services
- Positive and constructive conflict resolution skills
- Ability to accept and embrace change in a positive manner
- Initiative to establish audit, quality and case review activities
- Have a 'can do' attitude and model an energetic and enthusiastic work ethic
- Ability to manage time and effectively prioritise workload
- Prior training and specialist qualification in Nuclear Medicine and PET imaging
- Follow the RCH Compact and behave in a manner consistent with the Values of the RCH

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- Employees are required to undertake a National Criminal Record Check and a Working with Children Check prior to commencing employment
- Employees are required to maintain a valid Working with Children Check throughout their employment
- A current, full driver's licence for the State of Victoria which is appropriate for the type of vehicle being driven, and comply with any restrictions on their licence (e.g. wearing glasses) while undertaking hospital duties (If applicable)
- Employees are required to maintain compliance with RCHs "Staff Immunisation - Prevention of Vaccine Preventable Diseases" procedure.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

- Curious - We are creative, playful and collaborative
- Courageous - We pursue our goals with determination, ambition and confidence
- Inclusive - We embrace diversity, communicate well, build connections and celebrate our successes together
- Kind - We are generous, warm and understanding

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 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 because I want to understand others and make better decisions
- I am inclusive and value diversity
- When it comes to teamwork, I don't hold back – I'm all in

QUALITY, SAFETY AND IMPROVEMENT

RCH employees have a responsibility and accountability to contribute to the organisation's commitment to Quality, Safety and Improvement by:

- Acting in accordance and complying with all relevant Safety and Quality policies and procedures
- Identifying risks, reporting and being actively involved in risk mitigation strategies
- Participating in and actively contributing to quality improvement programs
- Complying with the requirements of the National Safety & Quality Health Service Standards
- Complying with all relevant clinical and/or competency standards
- Complying 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, people from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, all members of the LGBTQI community and people with disability.

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