

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position Title	Paediatric Respiratory Tuberculosis Fellow		
Unit / Branch	Department of Respiratory & Sleep Medicine		
Classification	HM25-30 OR As per Victorian Public Health Sector (AMA Victoria) Doctors in Training – Multi Enterprise Agreement 2013-2017	Employment Status	Part-time: 0.1FTE (3.5hrs per week on Friday morning) – max 24 months.
Position reports to	Prof Phil Robinson, Director of Respiratory and Sleep Medicine		
Location	The Royal Children's Hospital, Flemington Road, Parkville		
Position Contact	Prof Stephen Graham, Head of TB Service		

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 state-wide 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.

With a passionate, highly skilled and committed staff campus wide of over 6000, we provide a full range of clinical services, tertiary care and health promotion and prevention programs for children and young people.

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/>

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

ROLE PURPOSE

To provide high quality outpatient care to patients of the Royal Children's Hospital Respiratory Tuberculosis Clinic, as well as assist with service development, clinical audits, research and liaison with representatives of the Victorian Tuberculosis Program.

Background

The TB Clinic (previously known as KOCH clinic) is an established and long-standing RCH clinic. Consultant respiratory physician and paediatricians staff the clinic with attendance by the Immigrant Health Fellow and Infectious Disease Fellow. The clinic has established strong links to the Department of Health Victorian Tuberculosis Program, with a Clinical Nurse Consultant present at every clinic, providing essential continuation and co-ordination of care in the community.

The RCH tuberculosis clinic is the main point of referral for contact tracing results, investigation and treatment for Victorian children. Children are predominantly referred to RCH for this service either (i) from the Victorian TB Program as part of contact tracing, or (ii) as part of Department of Immigration "Health Undertakings" for new arrivals to Australia. A smaller number of referrals come from GPs in the community and other specialist units at RCH.

As a Fellow you will join the team and attend the TB clinic weekly. You will be responsible for chasing up results and formulating treatment plans with the responsible consultant. You will participate in journal clubs and audits pertaining to quality improvement. You will learn how to screen for and manage cases of TB in children. You will attend to strengthening services for TB in children and adolescents, including in regional Victoria.

KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES

Clinical service

- Provide clinical services in the respiratory tuberculosis clinic - including pre and post clinic meeting with Victorian TB nurse (and arrange investigations such as CXR and bloods pre-emptively)
- Active participation in post-clinic multidisciplinary meeting with presentation of new cases for discussion and summary of reviews
- Participation in *ad hoc* discussions regarding management of respiratory tuberculosis patients
- Participation in audit and appropriate quality assurance activities
- Ensure appropriate documentation of all clinical episodes (clinic letters, face to face, meetings, telephone etc.) to meet communication and medico-legal requirements

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- Current registration as a Medical Practitioner in Victoria with AHPRA
- Fellow or advanced trainee in paediatrics or public health medicine with the Royal Australasian College of Physicians
- Holds current medical indemnity insurance consistent with the role

KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

- Highly developed interpersonal and communication skills
- Demonstrated ability to work autonomously
- Demonstrated ability to deliver high quality, evidence-based clinical care
- Experience or interest in cross cultural care, working with non-English speaking communities or working with interpreters
- Demonstrated interest in refugee health or global child health
- Ability to maintain internal (e.g. Pharmacy, Infectious Disease, HITH) and external professional relationships (e.g. Victorian Tuberculosis Program)

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