

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position	Consultant Geriatrician
Division	Medical Services
Classification	As per experience
Enterprise Agreement	Medical Specialist (Victorian Public Health Sector) (AMA Victorian/ASMOF) (Single Interest Employers) Enterprise Agreement 2022 - 2026
Reports To	Director Medical Services
Direct Reports	Director Medical Services
Infection Control Risk Category:	A

Approved	Andrew Walby	Approval Date	October 2023
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PRIMARY OBJECTIVE (or purpose): To provide medical care to patients as a geriatrician while sharing responsibility with the team across acute, sub-acute and aged care and working effectively to continuously improve and develop the service

PORTLAND DISTRICT HEALTH VISION: OUR COMMUNITY, YOUR HEALTH	
VALUES	
Wisdom	We use knowledge, experience and understanding to make the decisions that matter.
Compassion	We care about people – their safety matters above all else. Every person's need is different and is respected. Our service quality is second to none.
Courage	We are fearless and courageous in making things happen, embracing opportunities and creating solutions.
PDH CARE GOALS	
Person-centred	People's values, beliefs and specific needs and circumstances guide the delivery of care and organisational planning.
Safe	Avoidable harm is eliminated.
Effective	The right care is delivered in the right way, at the right time with the right outcomes.
Connected	Staff and consumers work together to achieve shared goals; people experience service and support continuity as they move through the service system.

KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES		
Key results Area	Key Activities	Performance Measures
Leadership and Team work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure the vision, mission and values of the organisation are understood and integrated into daily practice Actively participate in the PDH Consumer Engagement strategy to ensure person-centred practice. Develop and maintain positive working relationships with members of PDH staff Demonstrate agreed behaviours and communicate effectively whilst engaging with the multidisciplinary team Role model a professional approach to education, interpersonal relationships, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation in annual staff appraisal Staff satisfaction 100% Compliance with mandatory competencies

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	<p>teamwork and communication for department/unit staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide clinical leadership through active involvement in patient care • Be available to medical colleagues for consultation and liaison as appropriate regarding patient care 	
Professional Development and Scope of Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate continual professional development and learning • Shares knowledge willingly • Complete mandatory training and education • Participate in academic, research, education, training and supervision (both medical and nursing, undergraduates and post graduates) within Portland District Health • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% Compliance with mandatory competencies • Participation in annual staff appraisal
Quality and Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work collaboratively with the Quality Team to implement improvement plans • Conduct audits as required and contribute to the development and implementation of actions to address deficits • Contribute to quality improvement activities within the department, in accordance with PDH policies to ensuring a high level of work quality • Maintain a safe and high quality environment at all times in accordance with PDH policies • Reports all incidents through Riskman • Ensuring staff follow PDH Infection Control policies, procedures and guidelines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completes relevant audits and initiates actions • Contribution to Quality Improvement/Progress reports • Demonstrated use of the incident management system
Information Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Display and promote correct documentation techniques and initiates regular documentation auditing to ensure legal, professional and organisational standards are met and maintained • Abide by the PDH's requirements pertaining to appropriate Information Security and Information Management regulations and report an accidental or malicious breach of these regulations to the appropriate department • Ensure consumer information is accurate and only released in line with the Health Records Act requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensures all information management meets the legislative requirements and organisational standards
Occupational Health and Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is familiar with and ensure that all appropriate actions are taken to implement OH&S policy and procedures and that legislative requirements are met within the service • Report any incidents or potential hazards in accordance with PDH policies and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in team meetings where key OH&S issues are discussed and resolved • Evidence of hazard and incident reporting using Riskman • Maintains compliance with mandatory OHS training

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	<p>procedures including effective reporting via Riskman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist in the planning, development and implementation of OH&S measures • Demonstrate a commitment to health and safety in line with PDH's OHS policies, procedures, training requirements and legislative/regulatory requirements, driving a high standard for others to follow • Knows what to do in an emergency relevant to role 	<p>requirements for both self and team</p>
OTHER DUTIES		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibits a commitment to PDH Values including team based above and below behaviours • Monitors own day to day performance against operational targets and strategic goals • Practice in accordance with the relevant health care or industry standards • Complies with family violence risk assessment and management activities aligned to the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment and Management (MARAM) Framework, the Family Violence Information Sharing Scheme (FVISS) and Child Information Sharing Scheme (CISS) legislative requirements and related PDH procedures. • Comply with all relevant PDH policies and procedures • Perform all other duties as directed within the limits of skill, competence and training to maximise flexibility and effectiveness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PDH values modelled at all times • Demonstrated use of incident management system • Adherence to applicable health care or industry standards • Demonstrated completion of mandatory training • Adherence with PDH policy and procedures



KEY SELECTION CRITERIA – SPECIALIST KNOWLEDGE

QUALIFICATIONS -

ESSENTIAL:

- A tertiary qualification, Certificate, Registration, or Licence in the appropriate medical speciality.
- Medical registration with the Medical Board of Australia under the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA)
- Undergraduate medical qualification as a first degree is essential – MBBD MD or equivalent
- Appropriate speciality qualifications such as Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (FRACP) or equivalent is essential

EXPERIENCE and/or SPECIALIST KNOWLEDGE -

ESSENTIAL:

- Must have a proven track record of excellence in aged care with a demonstrated commitment to continued improvement, team work and ideally research
- Must have a demonstrated and ongoing commitment to education of themselves, their colleagues, junior staff, other team members and medical students
- Must have a demonstrated commitment to organisational quality processes and other activities that improve patient care
- Solid knowledge of aged care with skills to manage complex patients
- Must demonstrate commitment to organisation quality processes and other activities that improve patient care.

DESIRABLE:

- Previous experience in the gerontology area.

Other requirements:

- Current employee police check
- Current Working with Children Check
- Current evidence of immunisation history and serology results
- Current Victorian Drivers Licence
- Participate in credentialing and scope of practice process at PDH by completing the Credentialing and Scope of Practice applications

This position description is intended to describe the general nature and level of work that is to be performed by the person appointed to the role. It is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties and skills required. Any elements of this document may be changed at Portland District Health's discretion and activities may be added, removed or amended at any time.

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JOB DEMANDS CHECKLIST

Portland District Health endeavours to provide a safe working environment for all staff. The table below describes the demands and risk factors associated with this job. Applicants must review this information to ensure they can comply with these requirements. Successful applicants will be required to sign the acknowledgment at the end of the position description to confirm their ability to perform the job demands of this position.

Frequency definitions	
I = Infrequent	Activity may be required very infrequently
O = Occasional	Activity required occasionally, not necessarily all shifts
F = Frequent	Activity required most shifts, up to 50% of the time
C = Constant	Activity that exists for the majority of each shift and may involve repetitive move for prolonged periods
N/A = Not Applicable	Activity not performed

Aspects of normal workplace		Frequency				
Demands	Description	I	O	F	C	N/A
Physical Demands						
Sitting	Remain seated to perform tasks			✓		
Standing	Remain standing to perform tasks			✓		
Walking	Periods of walking required to perform tasks			✓		
Bending	Forward bending from waist to perform tasks	✓				
Kneeling	Remain in a kneeling position to perform tasks	✓				
Lifting/Carrying	Light lifting and carrying	✓				
	Moderate lifting and carrying	✓				
	Assisted lifting (mechanical, equipment, person assist)	✓				
Climbing/Working at heights	Ascending and descending ladders, stools, scaffolding					✓
Pushing/Pulling	Moving objects (eg: trolleys, beds, wheelchairs, diagnostic equipment, cleaning equipment)	✓				
Reaching	Arms fully extended forward or raised above shoulder to perform tasks	✓				
Crouching	Adopting a crouching posture to perform tasks	✓				
Foot movement	Use of leg and/or foot to operate equipment (or machinery)		✓			
Head postures	Holding head in a position other than neutral (facing forward) to perform tasks			✓		
Fingers/Hand/Arm movement	Repetitive movements of fingers, hands and arms (eg: computer keyboard, computer mouse, touch screens)			✓		
Grasping/Fine manipulation	Gripping, holding, clasping with fingers or hands				✓	

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Demands	Description	I	O	F	C	N/A
Physical Demands						
Driving	Operating a motor powered vehicle (eg: use of hospital cars to undertake duties, making deliveries, ride on mower, forklift, bus etc.)	✓				

Aspects of normal workplace		Frequency				
Demands	Description	I	O	F	C	N/A
Psychosocial Demands						
Shift work	Rotation of shifts on a rostered basis including day, afternoon or night					✓
Distressed people	Highly emotional people crying, upset, unhappy (eg: emergency or grief situations)		✓			
Aggressive/Unpredictable people	Raised voices, yelling, swearing and arguing (eg: people affected by drugs or alcohol, dementia, mental illness)		✓			
Exposure to distressing situations	(eg: Child abuse, delivering bad news, viewing extreme injuries, viewing deceased)		✓			
Environmental Demands						
Gases	Working with explosive or flammable gases requiring precautionary measures					✓
Liquids	Working with corrosive, toxic or poisonous liquids or chemicals requiring PPE					✓
Noise	Prolonged and frequent periods of background noise levels which necessitates people raising their voices to be heard					✓
Biological hazards	Exposure to body fluids, bacteria, infectious diseases requiring PPE					✓
Cytotoxic hazards	Handling and/or preparation of cytotoxic materials					✓
Radiation						✓

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Acknowledgement:

I acknowledge that I have received a copy of this position description and understand the requirements of this position. I agree to work in accordance with this position description.

As the incumbent of this position, I confirm I have read the job demands checklist as attached, understand its content, and agree to work in accordance with the requirements of this position.

I accept that the position description as stated above may need amending and updating periodically due to changes in responsibilities and organisational requirements. Changes to the position description will be consistent with the purpose for which the position was established.

EMPLOYEE NAME:		
EMPLOYEES SIGNATURE:		DATE:
MANAGER'S NAME:	[please complete]	
MANAGER'S SIGNATURE:	[please complete]	DATE: