Job Description for the Post of Clinical Fellow In Cardiothoracic Intensive Care at the Auckland City Hospital

AIMS

- To develop a broad exposure to the sub-speciality of Cardiothoracic Intensive Care Medicine. This will include caring for patients post cardiac and post lung transplantation.
- To develop a consultant approach to assessment and management of the critically unwell patient, as well as develop and improve teaching, audit and research skills.
- To become proficient in the use of transoesophageal echocardiography (and other ultrasound modalities as available) in postoperative cardiac surgical patients.
- To become familiar with the indication and management of advanced mechanical support modalities, including extra corporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO).

OUTLINE

- The post of Cardiothoracic Intensive Care clinical fellow is appointed yearly in December. In the first six months the incumbent will be expected to support the CVICU registrars, working Monday to Friday (08:00 – 18:00) for the majority of the time. Occasional gaps in the registrar roster will necessitate some shift work (including nights and weekends) instead of these regular hours.
- In the second six months the incumbent will be expected to take part in the consultant roster and be primarily responsible for managing all patients on the CVICU. One of the permanent CVICU SMOs will be rostered to provide back up to the incumbent during this time.

REQUIREMENTS

- The successful applicant will be able to register as a medical practitioner with the New Zealand Medical Council (See http://www.mcnz.org.nz)
- Applicants will need to be in their final year of intensive care medicine training and will either be sitting the final fellowship examination for the Joint faculty of Intensive Care Medicine, or have already passed this examination.
- Some experience in teaching and research or audit activities is preferable.
APPOINTMENT PROCESS

- An application should be made online on the website www.aucklandhealthcareers.co.nz with a recent CV that includes three referees with their respective telephone, fax or email and postal addresses.
- The appointment committee consists of 3 CVICU intensivists, one of whom is the clinical director.
- Requests for references will be made to the referees of the candidate’s choice. Your referees will be contacted by mail and telephone. Obtaining references does not indicate that you are the preferred candidate for a position, it is routine practice.
- CV’s, references and application letter will be used to rank candidates
- A shortlist of the best applicants will be produced
- The short listed applicants will be interviewed by a set list of interview questions by the selection committee
- The successful candidates will receive an offer of employment by mail
- All candidates will be informed of the outcome of their application but no explanation can be offered to unsuccessful candidates

DUTIES

- Manage patients in accordance with appropriate Australian and New Zealand Joint Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine Policies, Guidelines and Recommendations. Provide intensive care services to the Cardiothoracic and Vascular ICU and HDU. Supervise intensive care trainees and trainees from other specialties who rotate through the CVICU. Provide services related to acute resuscitation services. Provide such other clinical services as may be necessary and appropriate to the speciality. Provide telephone advice to any referring doctor about the appropriateness for transfer of any patient referred for ECMO. Participate in clinical research as required in the CVICU and CVHDU. With supervision being provided by a nominated consultant intensivist.

- The Fellow will in the first half of their appointment largely work a 50 hour week, Monday – Friday (08:00 – 18:00). On occasion, the fellow will be expected to take part in the 24 hour registrar cover of the unit, when leave requests create a shortage of registrars. This roster is staffed by five registrars and two anaesthesia fellows (who are completing a one year fellowship in cardiac anaesthesia).

- The average hours worked during this first six month period are 50hrs/week, with a maximum of 72 hrs in any 7 days.

- During the second half of the year the fellow will assume duties on the consultant (SMO) roster, providing senior cover for the CVICU. In general, this means being rostered on to cover the unit for either 48 hours or 72 hours continuously, being in the hospital during the normal working hours and on-call for the remainder of this time. The rostered periods span from 08:00 Monday to 08:00 Wednesday, 08:00 Wednesday to 08:00 Friday, and 08:00 Friday to 08:00 Monday. Upon finishing
one of these ‘call periods’, following the handover ward round and completion of dictated notes on all of the patients, the remainder of the day is taken off. During these periods, one of the permanent SMOs for the CVICU will also be rostered on to the unit, to provide supervision for the incumbent. Outside these ‘call periods’ the workdays will vary with the associated clinical and non clinical duties

- The average hours worked during this second six month period are 50 hrs/week, with a maximum of 72 hrs in any 7 days.

- Non clinical duties will include being actively involved in the Registrar and Nurse Education program, undertaking clinical audit, taking part in the regular TOE audit sessions (this will usually mean running one session / six weeks), taking part (making relevant presentations about patients that are being audited in depth) in the regular surgical morbidity and mortality meetings, routine data collection for the CVICU’s database, and research.

**SALARY**

The successful applicant will be paid on the appropriate level of the MOSS (Medical Officer Staff Specialist) scale, as per the New Zealand Medical Employment Collective Agreement.