Information for the Post of Clinical Fellow In Cardiothoracic Anaesthesia and Intensive Care at the Green Lane Dept of Cardiothoracic and ORL Anaesthesia, Auckland City Hospital

AIMS

- To develop broad exposure to the sub-speciality of Cardiothoracic Anaesthesia.
- The incumbent will have the opportunity to develop a consultant approach to patient assessment and the conduct of anaesthesia, as well as the opportunity to develop and improve teaching and research skills.

OUTLINE

- The Cardiothoracic Anaesthesia Program runs over 1 year, with 6 months being spent in Anaesthesia and 6 months in cardiac Intensive Care. At any one time there will be 2 posts in each area.

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 a reasonable experience in general and cardiac anaesthesia and ICU
- An interest and some experience in research or audit activities and teaching

APPOINTMENTS PROCESS

- An application should be made on line on the website www.adhb.govt.nz/careers with a recent CV that includes three referees with their respective telephone, fax or email and postal addresses.
- The appointment committee consists of 4 cardiothoracic anaesthetists
- 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
• The Fellowship is very popular and unsuccessful candidates are encouraged to apply again for future appointments

DUTIES

**Anaesthesia**

1. The day time commitment is for 4½ days per week, i.e. 9 sessions of 5 hours each. Of these sessions the overall aim will be for:

2. 7 sessions will be for clinical work. This will **principally relate to Adult Cardiothoracic Anaesthesia**, but will also include a limited amount of exposure to the other areas of clinical practice at the Green Lane Department. The exact nature of the sessions will vary, but may include:
   - Anaesthesia for cardiopulmonary bypass procedures, including some paediatric cases
   - Anaesthesia for adult thoracic procedures
   - Anaesthesia for both adults and children undergoing cardiac catheterisation, AICD implantation or electrophysiology studies
   - Anaesthesia for patients undergoing ORL surgery
   - Pre-operative assessment clinics
   - Intra-operative trans oesophageal echocardiography

3. 1 session for personal continuing medical education

4. 1 session will be flexibly allocated to clinical duties, teaching or research, the exact nature of this being agreed with the clinical director

5. In addition to the above, up to 10 hours per week **may** be required to cover general registrar on-call duties. However, with regard to this the following applies:
   - It is the intention of the Department of Anaesthesia that time spent covering registrar on-call for this post will be kept to a minimum.
   - If special circumstances dictate that more than 10 hours are required, then the above clinical duties shall be decreased pro-rata.
   - The maximum rostered hours shall not exceed 55 in any week.
Intensive Care

1. The Fellow will share the responsibilities for resident cover of the unit with another Fellow and 3 RMOs, on a rotating roster system.

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

3. Clinical responsibilities will be for the perioperative management of the patients on the Intensive Care unit, with supervision provided by the nominated Intensivist/AAnaesthetist.

SUPERVISION

It is anticipated that the cardiothoracic work will be initially supervised at level 1 or 2, but as experience increases this will change to level 3 or 4. Non-cardiac clinical work will be supervised at a level appropriate to the clinical case. Supervision and advice will be available at all times if requested, either for clinical problems, or research/teaching.

NON CLINICAL DUTIES

- It is expected that each fellow will complete one audit or research project during the fellowship, or take significant part in an ongoing project
- Weekly TOE review sessions are done on a rotational basis by the fellows
- TOE clinical sessions with a consultant will be arranged as possible at least once per week

PERSON SPECIFICATION

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<td>1. Registration with MCNZ as a Medical Practitioner with current Annual Practising certificate</td>
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<td>2. Anaesthetist at pre or immediate post-specialist registration level</td>
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<td>Personal attributes</td>
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<td>2. Able to judge the need for consultation and supervision,</td>
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<td>3. Able to work with ANZCA level 3 and 4 supervision.</td>
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<td>5. Willing to take on consultant type responsibilities and workload.</td>
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<td>Personal circumstances</td>
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