

Training Sites for Advanced Trainees in Internal Medicine

TRAINING SITE	
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Description of Service	
ORGANISATION:	
Staff: 1 full-time director; 2 part-time specialists; 3 visiting medical officers	
Units: 6 medical units of 12-15 beds each staffed by consultant, registrar and resident	
DEMOGRAPHICS: 600 bed tertiary teaching hospital in southern Brisbane incorporating University of Queensland Southern Clinical School. Southbank Parklands, Convention Centre and Performing Arts complex nearby	
Internal Medicine (IM) Beds: 80 beds (24% of all Div Med beds)	IM Specialty Interests/Special Units: Clinical pharmacology Acute stroke medicine (Acute Stroke Unit) Geriatric medicine Clinical epidemiology and health services research (Clinical Services Evaluation Unit is affiliated with department and headed by unit director)
IM Inpatient activity: 3800 separations pa	
IM Outpatient clinics: 5700 occasions of service pa	
FORMAL TRAINING	
Lectures: Specialty units have weekly tutorial program	Journal Club: Weekly
Grand Rounds: Weekly	Consult Rounds: 2 per week; daily informal contact
Specialty Rotations: 3-6 month rotations negotiable in: Vascular Medicine, Hypertension, Renal medicine, Neurology, Infectious Diseases, Cardiology, Respiratory Medicine (with bronchoscopy experience) Trainees in general medical units also participate in OPD clinics in Respiratory Medicine and Hypertension	
Research: Active research program in health services research, evidence-based medicine, quality improvement science	Quality Improvement: Fortnightly mortality and morbidity meetings; monthly unit business meetings; weekly case conferences; extended care program for high-risk patients; nurse clinical facilitators
TRAINEE RESPONSIBILITIES in Internal Medicine	
Coverage Roster: 1 in 4 to 1 in 6 after hours evening roster (4.30-10.30pm); single 8-hour week-end shift; no night duty	Workload in Internal Medicine units: One 24-hour admission on-take per week with one in 4 week-end 24-hour on-take 2 ward rounds and 2 OPD sessions per week
Teaching responsibilities: Yes, to junior staff/nursing/RMO/students	Research/presentations: Bi-annual clinical audits; Grand Rounds presentation every 6 months
INFRASTRUCTURE	
Library: Yes Personal e-mail: Yes Facilities: Registrar's room with security lockers	IT: 2 computer workstations, 1 PACS workstation in each 26 bed ward Director Physician Training: Yes