

Position Description

Position Title	Medical Oncologist – Fraction Specialist
Position Number	30100097
Division	Clinical Operations
Department	Cancer Services
Team	Medical Oncology
Enterprise Agreement	Medical Specialists (Victorian Public Health Sector) (AMA Victoria/ASMOF) (Single Interest Employers) Enterprise Agreement 2022 - 2026
Classification Description	Fractional Specialist Year 1 - 9
Classification Code	HN19 – HN59
Reports to	Clinical Director, Cancer Services
Management Level	Non Management
Staff Capability Statement	Please click here for a link to staff capabilities statement

Bendigo Health

With more than 4,500 staff and volunteers and covering an area a quarter of the size of Victoria, Bendigo Health, is an expanding regional health service offering the advantages of city life combined with the beauty and freedom that comes from living in a regional area.

Bendigo Health is a 700 bed service that treats more than 45,000 inpatients, triages more than 65,000 emergency attendees and welcomes more than 1,600 new born babies in a year. In addition more than 15,000 operations are performed in our operating theatres and more than 100,000 occasions of services are provided in our clinics to outpatients.

The organisation provides services in emergency, maternity, women's health, medical imaging, pathology, rehabilitation, community services, residential aged care, psychiatric care, community dental, hospice/palliative care, cardiology, cancer services and renal dialysis to the people of the Loddon Mallee region.

With our main campus based in Bendigo, our services extend throughout the Loddon Mallee with sites in areas such as Mildura, Echuca, Swan Hill, Kyneton and Castlemaine.

Demand on services is increasing rapidly with Bendigo being one of Victoria's fastest growing regional cities.

Our Vision

Excellent Care. Every Person. Every Time.

Our Values

CARING – We care for our community

PASSIONATE – We are passionate about doing our best

TRUSTWORTHY - We are open, honest and respectful

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The Clinical Operations Division

The Clinical Operations Division encompasses acute, allied health, cancer and mental health services. We provide a wide range of general medical, surgical and specialty services including but not limited to; Oncology, Cardiology, Renal, Emergency, Women's and Children's, Critical Care, Specialist Clinics, Cancer Clinics and Mental Health Services. Our Allied Health teams provide a diverse range of programs and person centred care in inpatient, outpatient, community, home and residential care settings.

Within a state-of-the-art hospital, our Ambulatory and Critical Care, Medical Services, Surgical Services and Women's and Children's areas use the latest technologies to provide excellent care. Our world class Cancer Centre uses a multi-disciplinary, integrated approach to treat specific cancers. The Cancer Centre offers medical oncology, radiation oncology, specialist nurses, clinical trials and cancer research, palliative care, and a Cancer Wellness Program.

The Mental Health Service provides psychiatric care and treatment across a large catchment area in Victoria stretching from Swan Hill in the north of the state to Gisborne in the south. Family sensitive practice is central to our models of mental health care and best practice ensures the identification, inclusion and support of families, carers and children.

Each year our onsite Specialist Clinics provide over 100,000 service events, we also see more than 60,000 people in our Emergency Department and welcome around 1700 babies into the world. The Clinical Operations Division assists with the admission of more than 50,000 patients into the hospital each year.

Cancer Services

The Bendigo Cancer Centre is a partnership between Bendigo Health and Peter MacCallum Cancer Institute, which brings together Medical Oncology and Radiation Oncology treatment and consultative services, with the support of palliative care, allied health, specialist nursing staff, pharmacy, clinical trials, MDM meetings and outreach clinics.

The radiotherapy service is provided by Peter Mac (Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre) and managed by a Site Manager and Clinical Director. Bendigo Health is responsible for radiotherapy nursing staff only.

The Haematology Service is provided conjointly by Bendigo Health and Peter Mac (Parkville Clinical Haematology). The Bendigo Chemotherapy Day Unit (CDU) is a day-stay unit providing a wide range of chemotherapy, hormonal therapy and biological response modifiers and symptom support as well as access to clinical trials. Additional treatments may be delivered at Parkville as required.

Cancer clinics operates outpatient consulting clinics including medical transcription typing and MDM Co-ordination.

Patient care is provided by a multi-skilled team consisting of: medical oncologists, palliative care physicians, haematologists, medical oncology registrars and interns, clinical nurse specialists, oncology nurse practitioners, a haematology nurse coordinator, and oncology nurses who are specialists in chemotherapy administration and management, as well as allied health professionals.

The Position

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The purpose of this position is to provide comprehensive oncology services in both inpatient and outpatient settings including outreach, on call and weekend cover. As part of a collaborative team of consultants, you will contribute to enhancing cancer services across the Loddon Mallee Region, with a strong focus on continuous improvement, clinical leadership and clinical research, helping to drive innovation in oncology care while improving health outcomes for our community.

Responsibilities and Accountabilities

Key Responsibilities

- Provision of Medical Oncology services to patients of Bendigo Health at both inpatient and outpatient levels, including on call and weekend cover across multiple sites including Bendigo Health and other outreach health service partners.
- Provide leadership in increasing research opportunities and be directly involved in the running of cancer trials within the cancer centre
- Provision of outreach clinics as directed by the strategic plan of the medical oncology cancer services
- In conjunction with the Oncology Management team, enhance the existing and future service provisions from the cancer centre to the subregional hospitals with a focus on governance.
- Actively and regularly participates in peer review patient related activities
- A willingness to mentor and provide education to the oncology Registrar and Doctor's in Training
- Involvement in ongoing development of policies and protocols for the delivery of services within the discipline of Medical Oncology.
- Assist in the ongoing development of relevant Quality activities; including preparing for and meeting of Accreditation standards and relevant Clinical Indicator Programs.
- An expectation to support and develop clinical trials within the cancer centre
- Liaise with the Clinical Director of Oncology and management of the Bendigo Health in regard to service development and strategic planning.

Generic Responsibilities

Code of Conduct - The Victorian Government's Code of Conduct is binding on all Bendigo Health staff. Contravention of a provision in the code may constitute misconduct and/ or regarded as a breach of the employee's employment agreement and will be dealt with under the organisations Counselling and Disciplinary Action Policy.

Compliance with policies and procedures - All Bendigo Health's policies and procedures are set out in its clinical and managerial policy manuals located on the intranet under PROMPT and in hard copy. All staff must ensure they comply with policies, procedures and standard ways of work practices when carrying out their work. Any breach in compliance may result in disciplinary action.

Occupational Health and Safety - Every staff member has the responsibility to take reasonable care of their own health and safety and the safety of others, to cooperate with Bendigo Health's OH&S policies and to participate in appropriate safety education and evaluation activities. All staff are expected to participate in reporting any health, safety and wellbeing issues. Any breach in compliance may result in disciplinary action.

Infection Control - Every staff member has the responsibility to minimise incidents of infection/ cross infection of residents, staff, visitors and the general public. All staff must adhere to the policies and procedures as set out in Bendigo Health's infection control manuals. Any breach in compliance may result in disciplinary action.

Confidentiality - All information concerning Bendigo Health, its patients, clients, residents and staff should remain strictly confidential. Any unauthorised disclosure of such information may result in disciplinary action.

Quality Improvement - Bendigo Health is dedicated to improving the quality and safety of health services by providing care within the following domains of quality: Consumer Participation, Clinical Effectiveness, Effective Workforce and Risk Management. As a result, we apply the concept of the quality cycle for all our quality activities, initiatives and projects thereby ensuring the best possible care and treatment results are achieved. The underlying principle of the cycle is that an activity is not complete until evaluation shows that it has been effective and reached the desired outcome. As a Bendigo Health employee you have a responsibility to participate in and commit to ongoing quality improvement activities using the framework of the NSQHSS (National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards).

Diversity – Each person has a right to high-quality health care and opportunities regardless of diversity factors, which might include aspects such as cultural, ethnic, linguistic, religious background, gender, sexual orientation, age and socio-economic status. Every staff member has a responsibility to recognise and respect diversity. Inclusiveness improves our service to our community and promotes engagement amongst staff.

Employees are required to carry out lawful directions outlined above or delegated to them. The work to be performed is set out in this position description and, where relevant, any professional standards and codes of conduct and ethics issued by the relevant professional association.

Key Selection Criteria

Essential

- MBBS and FRACP
- Demonstrated clinical ability commensurate with that expected of an Oncologist
- Significant experience working at a senior level in a major hospital service
- Evidence of previous experience in cancer clinical trials
- Good understanding of the Public Health system; in particular the clinical and quality requirements for oncology service delivery
- Evidence of on-going professional development to continually update personal medical knowledge and skills

Desirable

- Experience in medical education at undergraduate and post graduate levels
- Demonstrably superior interpersonal and negotiation skills
- Ability to work as part of a multi-disciplinary team, as well as independently.
- Demonstrated ability to participate in audit and in the audit feedback cycle.

Mandatory Requirements

National Police Record Check A current and satisfactory National Police Record Check must be completed by all new staff prior to commencement at Bendigo Health.

Immunisation As a health provider dedicated to providing quality patient care, we all need to be aware of the critical importance of infection control. Each staff member has a responsibility to comply with Bendigo Health's Staff Immunisation Policy and various infection control policy and procedures. All staff are required to provide evidence of vaccinations prior to commencement at Bendigo Health

Registration with the Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency (AHPRA). The work to be performed is set out in this position description and, where relevant, any professional standards and codes of conduct and ethics issued by the relevant professional association.

Drivers Licence A current Victorian driver's licence is required for this position.

All Bendigo Health sites, workplaces and vehicles are smoke free.

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 Bendigo Health's discretion and activities may be added, removed or amended at any time.