

Position Description

Position Title	Accredited General Medicine Advanced Trainee Registrar
Position Number	Enter position number
Division	Clinical Operations
Department	Medical Services
Team	General Medicine
Enterprise Agreement	Doctors In Training (Victorian Public Health Sector) (AMA VICTORIA/ASMOF) (Single Interest Employers) Enterprise Agreement 2022-2026
Classification Description	Registrar Year 4 - Year 6 and thereafter; Relevant to year of experience
Classification Code	HM28 – HM30; Relevant to year of experience
Reports to	Professional: Clinical Director/ Unit Head Operational: Medical Workforce Unit
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

All staff at Bendigo Health should have, or aspire to the personal qualities, knowledge and skills as described in the Bendigo Health Staff Capabilities Statement. Refer to link at top of page.

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.

The Infectious Diseases Team

We provide specialist treatment and management of patients with a wide variety of health issues, including viral hepatitis, HIV and other complex infections.

Services provided by the Infectious Diseases Services

Management and treatment for patients:

- Antimicrobial stewardship
- Inpatient and outpatient treatment for patients with complex infections
- Multidisciplinary Infectious Diseases specialist outpatient clinics
- Treatment and support for people living with hepatitis B & C
- Treatment and ongoing support and management for people living with HIV
- Specialist testing as required

Provide education for:

- Patients, their families and support networks
- Health care workers at Bendigo Health
- Community service agencies
- Community members

The General Medicine Team

The team is part of Bendigo Health's Medical Services Department.

The General Medicine Team at Bendigo Health are an integral part of the health care treating team and provide a range of acute and chronic health services that are delivered in both the inpatient and outpatient environment. The General Medical Team work closely with the other medical specialty areas (including Cardiology, Endocrinology, Geriatrics and Rehabilitation, Infectious Diseases, Neurology, Oncology, Palliative Care, Renal and Respiratory Medicine) as well as the Emergency Department, ICU and Surgical Services. General Medicine provides specialist advice to other units in the hospital, including providing peri-operative medical support. As a regional centre we pride ourselves on having collaborative and respectful working relationships with our colleagues providing holistic patient-centred care in a supportive and safe work environment.

The Position

In this position you will be a key contact for infectious disease and antimicrobial stewardship advice on the hospital site and whilst this can be challenging we hope you find the experience rewarding.

The position has been designed to provide a wide range of opportunities to the successful candidate. As the General and Acute Care Medicine (GACM) Advanced Trainee doing a subspecialty rotation in Infectious Diseases (ID), you will be responsible for looking after ID inpatients, outpatients, and consults with the support of consultant staff. You will be supported by and work closely with the ID and Infection Prevention and Control team. In undertaking this role, you will gain valuable hands-on experience in Infectious Diseases and antimicrobial stewardship.

Bendigo Health takes its responsibilities to junior doctors in training seriously and mentoring and professional development are important aspects of this post. Attendance at Bendigo Health Grand Rounds and Journal Club is encouraged. Attendance (in-person or remotely) at both the Austin/Northern Advanced Trainee and VIMG teaching sessions is strongly encouraged and will be supported. You will also have the opportunity to participate in ID-specific educational meetings and multidisciplinary meetings and dedicated time to complete the Advanced Training orientation resource, SPDP workshops and ATSI Cultural Competence and other RACP mandatory training resources. Participation in research projects will be strongly encouraged and supported. Financial support is also available to attend the Australasian Society for Infectious Diseases Annual Scientific Meeting (or equivalent).

There is an opportunity for this position to be either a 12-month ID position, or to be paired with 6-months core General Medicine. The General Medicine AT positions are affiliated to one of the four inpatient medical teams, each consisting of two Interns/HMOs and a BPT. Each medical team has a subspecialty interest (Med A – Gastroenterology, Med B – Neurology/Renal, Med C – Respiratory, Med D – Endocrinology). There will

also be exposure to undifferentiated acute medicine with the Acute Medical Unit. Some weekend work providing senior supervision and ward rounds, with consultant support, will be available as an opt-in in addition to your usual working hours.

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Responsibilities and Accountabilities

Key Responsibilities

- Supervision of Junior Medical Staff
- Working with the ID Physicians and Clinical Director of Medicine to support excellent patient care and flow.
- Clinical management of Infectious Diseases patients and the supervision of, and adequate documentation their medical care.
- Initiate, implement and monitor management of patients under supervision, incorporating the appropriate testing and investigation.
- Thoroughly and promptly correlate and record in the medical record the information obtained from its various sources, in an appropriate and ongoing manner, from the initial assessment, treatment, clinical progress and investigations, and to succinctly record this in discharge summary at the time of discharge.
- Foster rapport and good communications using appropriate language, written or verbal, with the patient and other parties as required; including contact with the referring Medical Practitioner.
- Use technology appropriately, with cost benefit and potential patient benefit and complications considered.
- Appropriately liaise with all staff involved in the care of the patient, including communication and referrals necessary for ongoing care post-discharge.
- Perform certain procedures, under supervision as appropriate.
- Regularly review patient objectives, interpretative, physical and mental status, including the development of communication of a discharge plan from the time of admission.
- Counsel and support patients and their families.
- Fulfil duties as outlined in the Duty Roster of the post undertaken.
- As a representative of the Hospital and the Medical Profession, present an appearance and demeanour of professionalism at all times.
- Continually update and extend personal medical knowledge and skills, regularly attend Clinical Meetings and remain familiar with current medical literature.
- Notify the ID Consultant and Clinical Director of Medicine in a timely manner of any incident leading to an adverse outcome for a patient or staff member and complete a VHIMS as necessary.
- Participate in Divisional/Department/Unit Quality Improvement activities.
- Participate in teaching and educational activities as required.
- Partake in any BH Research Ethics Committee - approved research studies that may be necessary as part of duties

- Perform other duties as agreed to and as required on occasions by Medical Administration in relation to cover of other registrars due to illness, bereavement or patient transfer.

Communication

- Demonstrate effective communication at breaking bad news and demonstrate appropriate situational communication response.
- Communicate clearly and concisely with all other healthcare professionals involved in a patient's care.
- Legibly document the history, clinical findings and management plan in the hospital unit record, including a detailed and accurate record of the patient's status on admission.
- Write suitable progress notes identifying changes in principal clinical problems and management plans, results of investigations and procedures performed and their interpretation.

Professionalism

- Engage in critical thinking and take an evidence-based approach to medicine
- Recognise own limitations and practise within the appropriate clinical scope
- Seek help and escalate patient care to a more senior level when needed
- Take responsibility for ensuring that factors such as fatigue, illness and stress in self and other staff do not adversely affect patient outcomes.

Learning

- Build on prior clinical experience as the basis for future independent professional practice.
- Maintain Continuous Professional Development plan according to FRACP requirements
- Actively seek out educational and training opportunities and support those of nursing and allied health staff, medical students and junior medical staff.

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

1. MBBS or equivalent degree with current General Registration with AHPRA
2. Current membership of the College training program and successful completion of the FRACP Written and Clinical Examination and are eligible to progress to Advanced Training.
3. Demonstrated appropriate level experience and skills in assessment and clinical management of patients.
4. Thorough understanding of the relevant legislation pertaining to Medical Officers.

Desirable

5. High level interpersonal and communication skills and the ability to communicate confidently and appropriately with patients and their families and other health professionals
6. Evidence of on-going professional development to continually update personal medical knowledge and skills
7. Ability to effectively use organisational skills (incorporating documentation, time management skills, critical thinking and priority setting)
8. Ability to operate in an environment of change.

9. Ability to work as an effective team member in a multi-disciplinary environment as well as independently (under appropriate supervision)

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 Professional Regulatory Body or relevant Professional Association For example, AHPRA, AHRI, RACS etc. 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.

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.