

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Visiting Medical Officer – General Surgery



Working at Northeast Health Wangaratta

At Northeast Health Wangaratta (NHW), we value our employees. We offer leadership, vision and an environment with a strong sense of teamwork, integrity, accountability, and respect. We are committed to providing staff with continuing education, research and professional development opportunities. This ensures that our people are part of a skilled and knowledgeable workforce, delivering exceptional high quality safe patient care. When you choose to work at NHW, you are committing to aligning everything you do with our values – **Fairness, Excellence, Respect, Kindness, Integrity and Courage.**

Position Details:

Position Title:	Visiting Medical Officer – General Surgery
Position Classification:	VMO
Who does this position report to:	Executive Director Medical Services
Does this position manage or supervise others:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Workplace Location:	Green Street Campus
Primary purpose of the position:	<p>As a VMO you would participate in a fair distribution of elective surgical lists as well as provide on call services. These may vary according to Health Service need, but currently consist of 6 to 8 lists (half-day) every 4 weeks, with on-call approximately one day per week and one weekend in 5. The VMO should also provide surgical outreach surgical services to smaller rural hospitals within the central Hume (such as Yarrawonga, Benalla, Mansfield, Corowa, Mt Beauty).</p> <p>NHW's operating suite consists of four theatres and anaesthetic services are provided for a broad range of surgical specialities including elective and emergency General Surgery, Orthopaedics, Urology, Upper and Lower Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, ERCP, Bronchoscopy, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT), Dental and Paediatric surgery.</p> <p>The organisational structure encompasses a part-time Head of Department and VMO General Surgeons (currently 6) and 2 Accredited Surgical Registrars. Clinical privileges will be exercised within the scope of practice granted by NHW Medical Appointments and Scope of Practice Committee.</p>
Position Description reviewed:	June 2021

Key Accountabilities:

1.	To provide General Surgical services for Northeast Health Wangaratta (NWH)
2.	Participate in the oncall roster including weekends and public holidays
3.	Contribute to medical teaching/training programs at undergraduate and postgraduate levels
4.	Contribute effectively within and to a team environment
5.	Support and contribute to risk management initiatives, including reporting sentinel events, potential medical negligence claims and adverse patient incidents
6.	Collaborate closely with relevant nursing staff and other health professionals in order to provide a multidisciplinary method of patient care
7.	Promote best practice to all staff within NHW, but especially to clinical staff in the Surgical Unit

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8. Liaise with other Visiting Medical Officers to enhance the continuity of patient care and liaise with nursing and clerical staff to promote a team spirit
9. Promote and comply with NHW Values, Standards of Behaviours, the Medical Board of Australia Code of Conduct and the agreed standards and regulations relating to the profession
10. Other responsibilities as reasonably determined by the EDMS

Key Relationships:

Internal	External
1. Medical and Nursing staff	1. Patients and patients families
2. Allied health and support staff	2. GPs and specialists
3. EDMS	3. Smaller rural health services

Key Selection Criteria:

1. Medical Degree; FACS or equivalent
2. Current AHPRA Registration as a Specialist Surgeon
3. Significant experience in broad-based general surgery
4. Sub-specialty skills desired
5. Interest in outreach surgical services
6. Sound clinical knowledge, skills and experience in contemporary medical and evidence based practice
7. Experience in teaching at undergraduate and graduate level
8. Effective communication and interpersonal skills as well as a belief in consumer-centred medicine
9. Awareness of current legislation and policies pertaining to medical practice and the workplace including EEO, OH&S, Public Sector Management, Infection Control and access for clients with a disability.
10. Participation in the Continuing Medical Education program of the relevant college.

In addition to the above, all staff must have an remain current for continued employment, the following:

1. Current Class C Driver's Licence
2. A current National Police Check (renewed every 3 years)
3. A current Employer Working with Children Check (renewed every 5 years)

Immunisation:

It is a condition of appointment that all employees comply with our immunisation requirements during employment. This position is classified as Category A. Covid-19 Vaccination and yearly Flu Vaccination required.

Diversity:

We encourage you to bring your 'whole self to work'. NHW is a safe and inclusive workplace. We value the visible and invisible qualities that make you who you are. We expect our workforce to align with our diversity expectations and programs. Working at NHW means you are on board with our journey, you will show respect, understanding and kindness to other regardless of ethnicity, sexuality, identity or any other protected attribute. We particularly acknowledge the traditional custodians of our land and pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging.

Mandatory Training:

It is a condition of appointment that all employees complete Mandatory Training and Clinical Competencies as required upon commencement, annually and in accordance with timelines specified in relevant health service policies and procedures.

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Performance & Accountability:

A review of performance shall be undertaken within six months following commencement and annually thereafter. There is an expectation that staff will assume responsibility for completion of any learning requirements advised by the organisation.

Quality and Risk Management:

In order to help ensure continued employee, patient safety and quality of care:

- Understanding individual responsibility for consumer safety, quality and risk and adhere to the relevant policies, procedures and guidelines at NHW
- Comply with requirements of the National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards, Aged Care Quality Standards and other relevant standards, regulations and legislative requirements.
- Contribute to organisational quality and safety initiatives and participate in the development and review of policies and procedures as appropriate
- Minimise the risk of infection to consumers, residents, employees, visitors, contractors and the general public
- Maintain a safe working environment at all times
- Identify, report and manage risks and ensure actions are taken to prevent and minimise harm to consumers and our workforce

Staff are required to abide by the Code of Conduct for NHW.

Occupational Health & Safety and Wellbeing:

The safety, health and wellbeing of employees is a priority for NHW and I recognise the importance of an environment that promotes and nurtures the physical, mental, emotional and social wellbeing of all individuals. I commit to:

- Comply with instructions given for their own safety and health and that of others, in adhering to safe work procedures
- Take reasonable care to ensure their own safety and health and that of others, and to abide by their duty of care provided for in the legislation
- Reporting through the incident management system any near misses or incidents as they occur
- Not place others at risk by any act or omission
- Not wilfully or recklessly interfere with safety equipment
- Partaking in the promotion of the health and wellbeing of employees
- Contributing to an inclusive and health promoting environment
- Promoting our values and vision

An organisational culture that promotes positive mental health and wellbeing through supportive leadership, employee participation and shared decision making.

Policies & Procedures:

Whilst the policies and procedures do not form part of your employment contract it is expected that you will comply with NHW's policies, procedures and reasonable instructions at all times during the course of your employment.

Confidentiality:

Confidentiality is a matter of concern for all persons who have access to personal information about patients, clients, residents or employees of NHW. Staff must understand and accept that in accessing this personal information they hold a position of trust relative to this information. In recognising these responsibilities staff must agree to preserve

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the confidential nature of this information. Failure to comply with this agreement may result in disciplinary action and may include termination of employment.

Declaration:

As the incumbent of this position, I acknowledge that I have read this Position Description, understand its contents and agree to work in accordance with the contents therein. I understand that other duties may be directed from time to time.

I understand and accept that I must comply with the policies and procedures applicable to NHW. I also agree to strictly observe the NHW Code of Conduct and policy on confidentiality of commercial and patient information or such sensitive information that I may come across in the course of my employment.

Name:

Signature:

Date:

POSITION DESCRIPTION – Jobs Demands Checklist

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The purpose of this section is to describe the physical and psychological risk factors associated with the job. Applicants must review this form to ensure they can comply with these requirements and successful applicants will be required to sign an acknowledgment of their ability to perform the job demands of the position.

Position:	Visiting Medical Officer – General Surgery
Department / Unit:	Medical Workforce
Workplace Location:	Green Street Campus

Frequency Definitions:

I Infrequent - intermittent activity exists for a short time on a very infrequent basis	C Constant - activity exists for more than 2/3 or the time when performing the job
O Occasional - activity exists up to 1/3 of the time when performing the job	R Repetitive - activity involved repetitive movements
F Frequent - activity exists between 1/3 and 2/3 of the time when performing the job	N Not Applicable - activity is not required to perform the job

Demands	Description	Frequency					
		I	O	F	C	R	N
Physical Demands:							
Sitting	Remaining in a seated position to perform tasks		X				
Standing	Remaining standing without moving about to perform tasks				X		
Walking	Floor type: even / uneven / slippery, indoors / outdoors, slopes				X		
Running	Floor type: even / uneven / slippery, indoors / outdoors, slopes	X					
Bend / Lean Forward from Waist	Forward bending from the waist to perform tasks			X			
Trunk Twisting	Turning from the waist while sitting or standing to perform tasks			X			
Kneeling	Remaining in a kneeling posture to perform tasks	X					
Squatting / Crouching	Adopting a squatting or crouching posture to perform tasks	X					
Leg / Foot Movement	Use of leg and / or foot to operate machinery	X					
Climbing (stairs / ladders)	Ascend / descend stairs, ladders and steps	X					
Lifting / Carrying	Light lifting and carrying (0 - 9 kg)	X					
	Moderate lifting and carrying (10 – 15 kg)	X					
	Heavy lifting and carrying (16 kg and above)	X					
Reaching	Arms fully extended forward or raised above shoulder	X					
Pushing / Pulling / Restraining	Using force to hold / restrain or move objects toward or away from the body	X					
Head / Neck Postures	Holding head in a position other than neutral (facing forward)				X		
Hand & Arm Movements	Repetitive movements of hands and arms				X		
Grasping / Fine Manipulation	Gripping, holding, clasping with fingers or hands				X		
Work At Heights	Using ladders, footstools, scaffolding, or other objects to perform work						X

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Driving	Operating any motor powered vehicle						X
Sensory Demands:							
Sight	Use of sight is an integral part of work performance, eg: Viewing of X-Rays, computer screens, etc				X		
Hearing	Use of hearing is an integral part of work performance, eg: Telephone enquiries				X		
Smell	Use of smell is an integral part of work performance, eg: Working with chemicals	X					
Taste	Use of taste is an integral part of work performance, eg: Food preparation						X
Touch	Use of touch is an integral part of work performance				X		
Psychosocial Demands:							
Distressed People	Eg: Emergency or grief situations.			X			
Aggressive & Uncooperative People	Eg: Drug / alcohol, dementia, mental illness.		X				
Unpredictable People	Eg: Dementia, mental illness, head injuries.			X			
Environmental Demands:							
Dust	Exposure to atmospheric dust.						X
Gases	Working with explosive or flammable gases requiring precautionary measures.		X				
Fumes	Exposure to noxious or toxic fumes.	X					
Liquids	Working with corrosive, toxic or poisonous liquids or chemicals requiring PPE.						X
Hazardous Substances	Eg: Dry chemicals, glues.						X
Noise	Environmental / background noise necessitates people raise their voice to be heard.		X				
Inadequate Lighting	Risk of trips, falls or eyestrain.	X					
Sunlight	Risk or sunburn exists from spending more than 10 minutes per day in sunlight.						X
Slippery or Uneven Surfaces	Greasy or wet floor surfaces, ramps, uneven ground.	X					
Inadequate Housekeeping	Obstructions to walkways and work areas cause trips and falls.	X					
Biological Hazards	Eg: Exposure to body fluids, bacteria, infectious diseases.			X			
The area below is for any special comments or notes on significant physical or other demands required to perform this job:							
Nil							