

HMO2 Medical/BPT 1 – 2021

Central North West Basic Physician Training Consortium

The Central North West Consortium comprises Austin Health, Bendigo Health, Echuca Regional Health, Northern Health, and Wimmera Health Care Group.

The Central North West Consortium offers comprehensive support across all years of the PREP program with all rotations accredited by the RACP. We have a long tradition of providing excellent physician training to trainees within this consortium. A training program to support trainees preparing for the written and clinical RACP examinations has been implemented across all sites within the consortium. In-house written exam lectures are held September to January each year finishing with a mock 170 question written exam.

Further information can be obtained at www.centralnorthwest.org.au

As all the hospitals in the consortium have grown significantly, there are now over 150 trainees employed over the three training years which has made rostering and local trainee support increasingly difficult. From 2020, the consortium commenced the process to separate into two recruiting bodies for recruitment into the consortium BPT program. Appointments will be aligned to Austin Health or Northern Health for the Medical stream at HMO2/BPT1 level, therefore applicants will need to apply to each Health Service independently. Rotational partnerships within the Consortium will see Austin Health paired with Bendigo Health; and Northern Health with Echuca Regional Health and Wimmera Health Care Group.

This will be a staged process to avoid disruption to trainees currently in the program. The educational program will continue unchanged across the hospitals; all of the preparation for the written and clinical exams will continue to be shared across sites with trainees having access to tutorials and other educational activities at each site.

Please note that these positions will be processed through the Postgraduate Medical Council Victoria (PMCV) Allocation and Placement Service.

Summary of positions

Currently there are 28 positions available at Austin/Bendigo Health in the Physician Training program at BPT1 level for the 2021 clinical year. Trainees will be offered a wide selection of general and speciality rotations within a major teaching hospital, a smaller metro hospital (Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital campus), and a large regional hospital (Bendigo Health) across the three BPT years.

From 2021, two of these roles will form the Austin-Bendigo Regional BPT Pathway, comprising even numbers of Austin and Bendigo rotations across the three-year program (18 months at each health service, with 12 months of rotations at Austin Health prior to the clinical exam). This three-year program will offer trainees exposure to a variety of speciality and general/acute medicine rotations, and a unique insight into working in a regional/rural location.

Three year contracts will be offered as an option to HMO2/BPT1 candidates successfully matched to Austin/Bendigo Health in 2021 (note, candidates will have the option to accept either three, two or one year contracts). Rosters are created to optimise training experience and speciality time over the three years of basic physician training.

Please note that acceptance into a training program is not a pre-requisite for successful application to this stream, although the expectation is that those who are successfully appointed to this stream will enrol with the Royal Australasian College of Physicians for BPT1 recognition. Three year contracts will only be available to those registering with RACP.

Rosters

Once matched to a training stream, appointees will get an opportunity to provide rotation preferences (by ranking available rotations within the stream), leave requests and other information before annual allocations are prepared.

All attempts will be made to accommodate special requests within the rosters i.e. annual leave for major personal events, rotation allocation based on training and career goals etc., however, please be aware not all requests can be accommodated and/or granted. HMO2 Medical/BPT1 positions offer a variety of specialty and general/acute medical rotations, as well as the obligatory night duty and cover rotations.

Cardiology (Austin & Bendigo)	Endocrinology/Rheumatology (Austin)
Gastroenterology/Liver Transplant Unit (Austin)	General Medicine incl. Nights (Austin & Bendigo)
Geriatric Medicine (Austin & Bendigo)	Haematology (Austin)
Infectious Diseases (Bendigo)	Intensive Care (Austin)
Nephrology (Austin & Bendigo)	Neurology (Austin)
Oncology (Austin & Bendigo)	Palliative Care (Austin)
Respiratory Medicine (Austin)	Specialty Medicine Cover (Austin)

Austin-Bendigo Regional BPT Pathway

For candidates successful in securing a position in the Austin-Bendigo Regional BPT Pathway, rotations will be set across the three years of training. Candidates will be given opportunities to experience Geriatric Medicine, ID/HITH, and/or Oncology rotations as a Medical Registrar in BPT2 and BPT3 years. Rosters within this stream will include even splits between speciality, general medicine, and non-core/relief. Indicative rosters are shown below; please note applicants for this stream must be willing to commit to a three-year contract.

Trainee One:

BPT1				BPT2				BPT3			
Bendigo Cardiology HMO	Austin Gen Med	Austin HMO ND	Bendigo Renal HMO	Bendigo Reg ND	Bendigo Oncology Reg	Austin Reg Relief	Austin Acute Reg	Austin Reg ND	Austin Acute Reg	Bendigo Gen Med Reg	Bendigo ID/HITH Reg

Trainee Two:

BPT1				BPT2				BPT3			
Bendigo Renal HMO	Austin Gen Med	Bendigo Cardiology HMO	Austin HMO ND	Bendigo Geriatric Reg	Bendigo Reg ND	Austin Acute Reg	Austin HMO Relief	Austin Acute Reg	Austin Reg ND	Bendigo Oncology Reg	Bendigo Acute Reg

How to Apply and Important Information

HMO2 Medical/BPT1 positions at Austin Health are appointed to via the Allocation and Placement Service (APS) conducted by the Postgraduate Medical Council of Victoria (PMCV). As such, applications must be made to **both** the PMCV and Austin Health.

For Austin-Bendigo Regional BPT Pathway positions, applications must be made to Austin Health only.

Application Forms

All applications must be submitted via our online recruitment system. Please follow the instructions and complete all stages. You must also attach a CV and photo in addition to the compulsory application form. Applicants for the Austin-Bendigo Regional BPT Pathway will be asked to answer additional criteria questions in order for their applications to be considered. For applicants outside of the Regional BPT Pathway, you are also required to apply to the Match process online via the PMCV website www.allocations.pmcv.com.au.

Register with PMCV for Computer Match

In order to be considered for a HMO2 Medical/BPT position, candidates must first meet the eligibility criteria for the HMO Match and register with the PMCV. For information on the Computer Match process and to register, please refer to the PMCV website www.allocations.pmcv.com.au.

Please note this step is not required for consideration for the Austin-Bendigo Regional BPT Pathway.

Applications to Austin Health

All applications must be submitted via our online recruitment system. Please follow the instructions and complete all the steps. You must also attach a cover letter, photo and a Curriculum Vitae (CV) in order to be considered for short listing.

Applications for the Austin BPT program can be submitted via job reference: **33948**. Please attach a cover letter addressed to Laura Ivins, DiT Coordinator, Austin Health.

For candidates who would like to apply for the Austin-Bendigo Regional BPT Pathway, please submit applications via job reference: **33953**. Please address your cover letters to Hannah Cole, MWU Manager, Bendigo Health.

Interviews

Applicants will be contacted for interview following the short listing process. Contact will be made via email, and instructions on how to proceed with an interview time will be included in the email.

Selection

The selection process (which consists of ranking candidates through the PMCV APS) is based on merit and consists of the combined assessment of application documents, referee reports and interviews. Candidates applying for the Austin-Bendigo Regional BPT Pathway will also be assessed on their interest in the program and connection to the Bendigo region.

References

Applicants must nominate referees via the PMCV APS, where referee reports will be directly sourced. For positions within the rural pathway, clinical referees will be requested following interviews. Austin Health do not require any additional reference reports (i.e. non-clinical references).

Appointments

Austin BPT1 appointments are made based on the PMCV Computer Matching results. Applicants successfully matched to Austin Health will be contacted directly via email to confirm appointment.

Appointments to the Regional BPT Pathway will be outside of the PMCV Computer Match; roles within this stream will be offered on Friday 28th of August. Successful candidates will be given until Monday 31st August to accept in order to allow time to withdraw from the Computer Match prior to the closing date.

Important Dates to Remember

Match opens for registration and referee nomination	Tuesday 9 th June 2020
Closing Date for Applicant PMCV Registration Referee Assessment Form closing date PMCV Closing Date for Austin Health applications Candidates Priority List due at PMCV	Monday 20 th July 2020
Regional BPT Pathway Interviews	Monday 3 rd August – Friday 23 rd August 2020
Austin Health HMO2 Interviews	Monday 10 th August – Friday 28 th August 2020
Regional BPT Pathway roles offered	Friday 28 th August
Closing Date for preference re-ordering	Thursday 10 th September 2020
Match results available	Wednesday 30 th September 2020

Please note due to the COVID19 pandemic, dates are subject to change. Please refer to www.allocations.pmcv.com.au for the latest PMCV match dates.