

HMO 3 Medical/BPT 2 – 2021

Central North West Basic Physician Training Consortium

Austin Health is part of the Central North West Physician Training Consortium, which includes rotations across Northern Health, Bendigo Health and Wimmera Healthcare Group (Horsham).

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. Applicants for PGY3 positions intending to complete the RACP examination process will be given priority for subsequent appointment to PGY4 positions the following year to enable optimal allocation of rotations and facilitate exam preparation for trainees. 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.

2021 Appointments will be aligned to Austin Health or Northern Health for the Medical stream at HMO3/BPT2 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 Allocation and Placement Service.

Summary of position

Approximately 6 positions are available in the Physician Training program at BPT2 level for the 2021 clinical year. Successful 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. Please note that a regional/rural term is an expected component of Central North West Consortium BPT2 contracts.

Two year contracts will be offered as an option to HMO3/BPT2 candidates successfully matched to Austin/Bendigo Health in 2021 who have at least 36 weeks of speciality BPT rotations accredited (note, eligible candidates will have the option to accept either one or two year contracts). Rosters are created to optimise training experience and speciality time over the basic physician training years.

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. Two year contracts will only be available to those registering with RACP.

Rosters

Appointees will get an opportunity to indicate their roster priorities. Consideration will be made for special requests eg. Annual leave to accommodate wedding plans, to coincide with spouse leave etc. Please note that in the first 6 months of the year you will be rostered to a term at Bendigo Health. This is to enable the BPT3 trainees who are sitting the written exam and clinical exam to be rostered to Austin and Northern during this exam period.

Rotations at BPT2 level include:

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| - Haematology (Austin) | - Liver Transplant (Austin) |
| - Gastroenterology (Austin) | - Neurology (Austin) |
| - General/Acute Medicine (Austin & Bendigo) | - Night Duty/Relief (Austin & Bendigo) |
| - Geriatric Medicine (Austin & Bendigo) | - Oncology (Austin & Bendigo) |
| - Infectious Diseases (Austin & Bendigo) | - Respiratory Medicine (Austin) |

How to Apply and Important Information

HMO3 Medical/BPT2 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.

Application Forms

All applications must be submitted via Austin Health's online recruitment system. Please follow the instructions and complete all stages. You are also required to apply to the Match process online via the PMCV APS website.

Register with PMCV for Allocation and Placement Service

In order to be considered for a HMO3/BPT2 position, candidates must first meet the eligibility criteria for the HMO Allocation and Placement Service and register with the PMCV. For information on the PMCV Allocations process and to register, please refer to the PMCV APS website; www.allocations.pmcv.com.au.

Applications to Austin Health

All applications must be submitted via Austin Health's online recruitment system. Please follow the instructions and complete all the steps. You must also attach a cover letter (addressed to Laura Ivins, DiT Coordinator), photo and a Curriculum Vitae (CV) in order to be considered for short listing.

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 Allocation and Placement Service) is based on merit and consists of the combined assessment of application documents, referee reports and interviews.

References

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

Appointments

Appointments are made based on the PMCV Allocation and Placement Service Match results. Applicants successfully matched to Austin Health will be contacted directly via email to confirm appointment.

Important Dates to Remember	
Match opens for registration and referee nomination	Tuesday 9 th June 2020
Closing Date for Applicant PMCV Registration	Monday 20 th July 2020
Referee Assessment Form closing date PMCV	
Closing Date for Austin Health applications	
Candidates Priority List due at PMCV	
Austin Health BPT2 Interviews	Monday 10 th August – Friday 28 th August
Closing Date for preference re-ordering/withdrawal	Friday 10 th September 2020
Match results available	Wednesday 30 th September 2020