

Austin Health

Position Description



Position Title: Cardiology Interventional Fellow

Classification:	Fellow
Business Unit/ Department:	Cardiology
Agreement:	National Employment Standards
Employment Type:	Fixed-Term Full-Time
Hours per week:	38
Reports to:	A/Prof Omar Farouque, Director of Cardiology & Dr Mark Horrigan, Head of Cardiac Catheterisation Laboratories
Direct Reports:	Nil
Financial management:	Budget: Not Applicable
Date:	30/4/2019

About Austin Health

Austin Health is one of Victoria's largest health care providers. Comprising the Austin Hospital, Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital, Royal Talbot Rehabilitation, Hospital in the Home and community-based health services; Austin Health is an internationally recognised leader in clinical teaching, training and research, with numerous university and research institute affiliations.

Austin Health employs near 9,000 staff across its sites; including over 1,600 doctors and 3,000 nurses, and delivers a full range of leading-edge clinical services, including several statewide services (liver transplant, spinal cord injury service, respiratory support service, child inpatient mental health service). In total, Austin Health provides over 900 beds, including mental health, aged-care and rehabilitation beds and a range of community and in the home services. The current annual operating budget is in excess of \$960 million.

Austin Health delivers vital statewide services to all Victorians, including to diverse multicultural and veteran communities. It also provides community and specialty services to the people of Melbourne's northeastern corridor in a safety-focused, team-oriented and stimulating work environment.

Austin Health's current vision is shaping the future through exceptional care, discovery and learning.

Our values define who we are, shape our culture and the behaviors, practices and mindset of our people. Our values are: Our actions show we care, we bring our best, together we achieve and we shape the future. www.austin.org.au/about-us

Austin Health is committed to providing an inclusive culture where all employees can contribute to the best of their ability and strive to develop further. Find more at <http://www.austin.org.au>

Position Purpose

- To train fellows to a level of proficiency in interventional cardiology that they may return to their place of origin and assume work as independent practitioners.
- To ensure that fellows are current in their understanding of recent advances in the field, particularly advances which apply to daily practice.
- To understand and participate in the clinical audit process including outcomes in interventional cardiology.
- To participate and run a clinical research project within the department, aiming for a first author publication in a peer-reviewed medical journal, and to assist other fellows with projects as appropriate.

About the Department

The Cardiology Department provides clinical services to inpatients and outpatients, teaching of undergraduates and postgraduates and is involved in clinical and basic cardiovascular research.

- Senior medical staff consists of 27 consultants, 4 registrars, 4 fellows (EP, Echo and Interventional) and 3 junior medical staff.
- The unit has clinical interests in all of the major subspecialties of cardiology: interventional and structural cardiology, clinical and invasive electrophysiology (device implantation, ablation for arrhythmia), heart failure (optimising cardiac function through pharmacologic and device therapy, exercise and outpatient support), valvular heart disease and non-invasive cardiac imaging (transthoracic, transoesophageal and stress echocardiography).

Purpose and Accountabilities

Role Specific

Fellows must be familiar with and able to participate in pre- and post-procedural management of patients undergoing elective cardiac catheterisation and interventional procedures in Ward 5N, and also of those requiring inpatient procedures, originating in the Ward 5E (Cardiac), Intensive Care Unit, Emergency Department and outlying wards on the Austin Campus.

Clinical duties of particular importance include:

- Explanation of procedures to patients and obtaining informed consent.
- Accurate prescription of pre and post-procedural medications.
- Perform critical technical manipulations of the case under consultant supervision.
- Post procedural vascular access site care and management of comorbid conditions.
- Generate accurate written procedural reports in a timely manner
- Rapid and accurate assessment and management of patients with haemodynamic, haemorrhagic and ischaemic complications of diagnostic and interventional procedures.
- Clinical follow-up of patients in the post-procedural phase.
- Entry of clinical details and quantitative angiographic parameters into relevant databases including MIG and VCOR.
- Assist in recruiting suitable patients into research trials.
- Organisation of the interventional cardiology departmental meetings including presentation of topics and audits.

Fellows are required to participate in and achieve competence in the following procedures, initially as assistants and then as supervised first operators:

- Diagnostic coronary angiography (at least 150 cases/year).
- Diagnostic right and left heart catheterisation (at least 25 cases/year).
- Elective and emergent coronary angioplasty and stenting (at least 200 cases/year).
- Insertion of intra aortic balloon pumps (at least 5 cases during fellowship).

Fellows are required to assist with percutaneous closure of congenital defects, aortic and mitral valvuloplasty, transcatheter aortic valve replacement and peripheral vascular interventional procedures, but are not expected to achieve independent operator status.

All Employees:

- Comply with Austin Health policies & procedures, as amended from time to time, which can be located on the intranet (The Pulse): [OPPIC](#)
- Report incidents or near misses that have or could have impact on safety - participate in identification and prevention of risks
- Comply with the Code of Conduct

Selection Criteria

Essential Knowledge and skills:

- A commitment to Austin Health values
- Registration as a Medical Practitioner with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) - (note eligible applicants will be assisted through this process).
- Have appropriate training and experience applicable to the field of Cardiology
- Demonstrated commitment to high quality patient care
- Demonstrated teamwork and collaboration
- Demonstrated ability to communicate at all levels

General Information

Austin Health is a Child Safe Environment

Austin Health is committed to child safety. We want children to be safe, happy and empowered. We support and respect all children, as well as our staff and volunteers. Austin Health has zero tolerance of child abuse, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated seriously in line with legal obligations and our policies and procedures.

Equal Opportunity Employer

Applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. For more information about working at Austin Health, please follow this link to Austin Health's Aboriginal Employment website: <http://www.austin.org.au/careers/Aborigineemployment/>

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