

Austin Health

Position Description



Position Title: COVID Research Fellow/Unaccredited ID Registrar

Classification:	COVID Clinical Research Fellow
Business Unit/ Department:	Medical Services, Department of Infectious Diseases
Agreement:	Victorian Public Health Sector (AMA Victoria) - Doctors in Training Agreement 2018-2021
Employment Type:	Fixed-Term Full-Time
Hours per week:	38
Reports to:	Director of Department of Infectious Diseases, Chief Medical Officer
Direct Reports:	NIL
Financial management:	Budget: Not Applicable
Date:	15/07/2020

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 state-wide 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 state-wide services to all Victorians, including to diverse multicultural and veteran communities. It also provides community and specialty services to the people of Melbourne's north-eastern 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 behaviours, 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

The role of the COVID Clinical Research Fellow includes the coordination of COVID research activities and in addition supervision of COVID screening clinic and infectious diseases inpatients, infectious diseases consults, Specialist COVID/ID outpatient services.

Also included in these registrar roles is supervision of the junior medical residents and potentially on-call for the ID/COVID roster (as per agreement).

About the Department

The Infectious Diseases Department at Austin Health provides a full range of inpatient and outpatient infectious diseases services to Austin Health patients, Mercy Hospital for Women and a number of regional hospitals in Victoria. Within the ID department is the COVID Unit which coordinates the management patients with suspected and proven COVID-19. The unit has significant research activity in observation and clinical trials in COVID-19.

We have close links with the Diagnostic Microbiology and Infection Control Departments at Austin Health. We have a strong focus on excellence in patient care and teaching of infectious diseases trainees. Areas of particular interest include medical bacteriology, infection control, hospital acquired infections, HIV and AIDS, hepatitis B and C, liver transplant related infections, travel medicine, antibiotic allergy and mycobacterial infections.

Purpose and Accountabilities

Role Specific:

- To provide research activities for COVID-19 patients
- To provide care and supervision of COVID-19 screening clinic
- To provide care to inpatients and outpatients treated under the COVID unit and Infectious Diseases unit at Austin Health as required, as well as to provide COVID unit/infectious diseases consultations to other units.
- To provide oncall cover for both Infectious Diseases and Microbiology units in the evenings and over the weekends as rostered.
- To attend outpatient clinics as rostered (including two general ID and COVID clinics).
- To provide teaching and guidance to the HMO rostered to work in the COVID unit.

All Employees:

- Comply with Austin Health policies & procedures, as amended from time to time, which can be located on the intranet (The Hub): <http://eppic/>
- 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:

- Must have passed the RACP Basic Physician Examination (PART 1) or currently working towards.
- Must be able to practice evidence-based medicine and act autonomously commensurate with confidence and experience
- 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 Infectious Diseases.
- 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/Aboriginalemployment/>

Document Review Agreement

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