



RESEARCH/ CLINICAL FELLOWSHIP IN SPINAL SURGERY (QLD0006)

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Length of program: 12 Months

Institutions:

- Queensland Children's Hospital
- Princess Alexandra Hospital

Stipend: \$240,000 AUD per annum including super, leave, penalties, allowance etc

Educational Goals:

Clinical Duties

This is primarily a paediatric spine fellowship with a secondment to the Princess Alexandra Hospital for the management of adult spine trauma.

The paediatric component primarily encompasses paediatric deformity – scoliosis, but includes all aspects of paediatric spine pathology, including trauma and tumours.

The Queensland Children's Hospital is the only dedicated children's hospital in Queensland and services all of the Queensland, Northern Territory and northern parts of New South Wales – a population base of at least 6 million.

Clinical Sessions

Paediatric clinical sessions will include attendance at approximately three all-day elective scoliosis surgeries per fortnight. It will also include extra lists for trauma or tumours as required.

Outpatient Clinics at Queensland Children's Hospital include one complex spine clinic per week, which is attended by the entire Spine Disorders Unit. There will also be a requirement to attend a spinal fellow's clinic on a weekly basis.

A multidisciplinary team meeting occurs every Friday morning with the entire unit and any other unit involved in the patient's care. It also acts as an audit for upcoming surgical interventions and review of previous surgeries.

On Call

On call will be a 1:3 at the Queensland Children's Hospital and Princess Alexandra Hospital, rotating with the fellows from the Princess Alexandra Hospital.

Research

Spinal fellows are expected to be involved in research – usually an audit and prepare this for publication and/or presentation at one of the national or international spine meetings. Research is coordinated and supervised by the Spine Disorders Research Group associated with the Queensland University of Technology.

Research Meetings

There is a research meeting, which involves presentations of cases, selected topics of relevance, and a journal club.

Educational Qualifications/Requirements:

The applicant must be eligible for registration in the state of Queensland as a medical practitioner. He or she should preferably have an orthopaedic post-graduate fellowship.

Appointments to the Queensland Children's Hospital and secondment to the Princess Alexandra Hospital will be as a senior registrar. There is no right to private practice.

The Fellowship, whilst accredited by the Australian Orthopaedic Association, cannot be used as accredited time towards an Australian Surgical Fellowship or Orthopaedic Training Programme.

How to apply:

Please email at geoffrey.askin@health.qld.gov.au and provide a copy of your CV to receive for information on availability.

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