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## AOA ACCREDITED FELLOWSHIP WEBSITE SUMMARY

<b>TITLE OF FELLOWSHIP</b>	<b>Royal Perth Hospital PlusLife Spinal Allograft Fellowship (WA2402297)</b>	
<b>Chief supervisor</b>	Dr Peter Woodland	
<b>Co-Supervisor</b>	Dr David Dillon	
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<b>Length</b>	12 Months	
<b>Stipend</b>	Base Salary: \$115,500 Plus, Professional Development Allowance: \$8,625 Plus, Superannuation: 11.5% Plus, Weekday Regular Overtime and On Call Payment	
<b>Institutions</b>	Royal Perth Hospital and PlusLife (Perth Bone and Tissue Bank)	
<b>Educational goals and characteristics</b>	<b>Overview of Department</b>	
	<p><b><u>Royal Perth Hospital State Spinal and Scoliosis Service</u></b></p> <p>The State Spinal Service of Western Australia comprises the Spinal Injuries Unit and the Scoliosis / Spinal Deformity Unit. This operates within the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at Royal Perth Hospital, which is the Level 1 Trauma Centre for Western Australia.</p> <p>Royal Perth Hospital currently has 450 beds and comprises several state centres, including the State Spinal Service. Within the Service there are currently five subspecialised spinal surgeons; Dr Peter Woodland [Head of Department, Spinal Surgery], Dr David Dillon, Dr Edward Baddour, Dr Farhaan Altaf, and Dr Siamak Seresti. The junior staff of the Unit comprise two training registrars and two interns. In addition, the Spinal Service now provides two Fellowship Programs, with spinal fellow positions for 12–18-month terms. Other service members include specialised nursing staff and allied health staff.</p> <p>Our team of surgeons participate in the State Spinal Injury Service providing 24 hours/day, 7 days/week state-wide cover. The Service is involved with approximately 2,500 electronic or telephone consultations regarding state-wide spinal injuries and is involved with approximately 700 RPH inpatient spinal injury cases per year. Total trauma and elective spinal admissions to the Spinal Unit per year is approximately 750. The total number of spinal surgery procedures per year is approximately 380, 50% relating to spinal trauma. The Service is involved with vertebral column fractures including</p>	

spinal cord injury, with on average 52 SCI cases per year. There is a close affiliation with the State Spinal Rehabilitation Unit based at Fiona Stanley Hospital in Perth.

The Spinal Service is also the state centre for scoliosis / spinal deformity assessment and treatment with weekly clinics at the Royal Perth Hospital Goderich Street outpatient facility and with weekly operating sessions for related surgery. There is close affiliation with Perth Children's Hospital. Members of our department are actively involved with research and medical student and registrar training activities.

### Fellowship Goals

This Fellowship is a supervised sub-specialty educational position in spinal surgery for a period of 6 or 12 months. The Spinal Fellow will be exposed to all aspects of adult and paediatric spinal surgery, allograft process review, retrievals and research

The Primary objective of the clinical component of the Spinal Fellowship is to provide extensive and high-quality experience in the assessment, diagnosis, and management of spinal disorders including elective degenerative, spinal deformity and trauma aspects.

The Fellow will participate in daily registrar/JMO ward rounds at 7:30 am and will participate in the weekly Tuesday morning consultant-led multidisciplinary meeting involving consultant surgeons, radiologists, physiotherapists and other allied health practitioners.

The Fellow will participate in four outpatient clinics per week, some of which are consultant led, and will participate in at least four elective operating sessions per week, some of which are consultant led and a proportion of which are closely supervised.

They also can participate in the 24-hour per day spinal injury on-call roster, which is consultant led, with the opportunity for the fellow to carry out supervised spinal trauma surgery.

One day per week of this fellowship program will be allocated to research and administrative duties at PlusLife (Perth bone and tissue bank).

The second objective of the Spinal Fellowship is to provide the Fellow with the ability to work in a team environment and provide opportunities for leadership and mentoring, with regular opportunities to be involved with teaching of junior staff. The Fellow will also be able to participate in a structured teaching program at the level of the Australian Orthopaedic Registrar Training Program and this includes weekly advanced registrar teaching sessions every Thursday afternoon. In addition, the chief supervisor, Dr Peter Woodland, Head of Spinal Surgery, conducts weekly tutorials for orthopaedic trainees in preparation for the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Fellowship Examination. The Fellow is invited to attend these tutorials.

	<p>The third objective of the Spinal Fellowship Program is to offer quality research opportunities with a view to presenting at state and national level scientific meetings, as well as for submission of papers to a peer-reviewed journal.</p> <p>The Spinal Fellow will be under the direct supervision of consultant surgeons throughout the fellowship and the Chief Supervisor will be Dr Peter Woodland</p>
<p><b>Requirements/ criteria</b></p>	<p>The applicant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Be eligible for registration with the Medical Board of Australia (AHPRA)</li> <li>- Have the appropriate level of post graduate orthopaedic or neurosurgical training</li> <li>- Have demonstrated a high standard of clinical practice</li> <li>- Have demonstrated professional integrity</li> <li>- Have demonstrated the ability to work in a multidisciplinary team environment</li> <li>- Have demonstrated commitment to quality improvement</li> <li>- Have demonstrated ability to be adaptable to change</li> <li>- Have the clinical experience appropriate to the year of training</li> <li>- Have experience in scientific and/or clinical research</li> <li>- Have knowledge of appropriate clinical standards</li> <li>- Have knowledge of policies, protocols and procedures to ensure acceptable practices</li> <li>- Have knowledge of spinal surgical techniques</li> <li>- Have evidence of research experience</li> </ul>
<p><b>How to Apply</b></p>	<p><b>Contact Ms Kathy Weedon, Secretary, State Spinal Service E <a href="mailto:Kathryn.Weedon@health.wa.gov.au">Kathryn.Weedon@health.wa.gov.au</a></b></p>