

TRAINING SITE	
NAME: <b>Northern Health, Melbourne: The Northern Hospital (NH Epping), Northern Health Broadmeadows and Northern Health Bundoora</b>	
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Description of Service	
<p><b>STAFF:</b>  Approximately 7 EFT Consultant Medical Staff. Full range of nursing and allied health staff.</p> <p><b>PROGRAM:</b>  The Northern Health registrar training program is run in conjunction with Austin Health and Bendigo Health, with registrars rotating through positions across health services – this page should therefore be read in conjunction with the Austin and Bendigo Health pages. There are 3 rotations of 4 months duration each year. The positions at all sites offer excellent training opportunities with a broad range of aged care experience including acute aged care, sub-acute in-patient care, specialist clinics and community work. Building on the success of our local training program which has been running for over two decades, registrars now attend the fortnightly education sessions of the Victorian Geriatric Medicine Training Program together with various local training activities. Senior medical staff are available to support registrars and to supervise all aspects of training. With potentially up to 14 registrars in the program, there is also ready access to peer support and advice. Research activities are encouraged, and several registrars have gone on to gain higher degrees.</p> <p>The Northern Training Alliance FIGM is based at Austin Health.</p> <p>Northern Health is part of the Northern Aged Care Training Alliance of the Victorian Geriatric Medicine Training program, also including Austin Health, St. Vincent's Health and Bendigo Health.</p>	
DEMOGRAPHICS	
<p><b>Number / type of Geriatric Beds:</b>  75 sub-acute (Geriatric Evaluation and Management and Aged Care Rehabilitation) beds. Some beds are for assessment and management of those with challenging behaviours. ( NH Bundoora)</p> <p>Approximately 30 beds in local residential care facilities as part of post-discharge Transition Care Program/Restorative Care Program</p> <p>Orthogeriatric Service (NH Epping)</p> <p>Acute Aged Care (NH Broadmeadows)</p>	<p><b>Specialty Clinics:</b>  Memory (CDAMS)  Falls and Balance  Contenance  Wound Management  Pain</p>
<p><b>Aged Care Consultancy Services:</b>  At NH Epping</p>	<p><b>Domiciliary Assessments:</b>  Residential in Reach service ( RIR/RECIPE)</p>
<p><b>Outpatient clinics/Day Hospital:</b>  General aged care outpatients</p>	

<b>FORMAL TRAINING</b>	
<b>Lectures / Seminars:</b> 3 hours every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday, formal session as part of Victorian Geriatric Medicine Training Program Local training afternoons (with registrars from St. Vincent's Health) approximately 6 per year	<b>Journal Club:</b> Monthly – rotating between Repatriation Hospital and Bundoora
<b>Grand Rounds:</b> General Medicine weekly at TNH	<b>Consult Rounds:</b> Acute hospital consult rounds daily at TNH.
<b>Other Specialty Links:</b> Neurology, Rehabilitation, Aged Care Psychiatry, Palliative Care	<b>Training Time</b> Guaranteed training time, no clinical duties rostered for all Thursday afternoons
<b>INFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURE</b>	
<b>Library:</b> Excellent library at the TNH, with extensive range of journals on-line or in hard copy and access to both the Clinician's Health Channel and Up to Date.	<b>IT:</b> Well supported computer network. Ward and office access to computers with Internet, email and online medical information databases available. Up to Date available via Northern Health on all computers and personal devices.
<b>Research:</b> The Northern Clinical Research Centre offers opportunities for registrars wishing to undertake projects with a view to a PhD.	<b>Quality Assurance:</b> Active program in Aged Care – all registrars encouraged to undertake Quality activities. Regular Aged Care Mortality Audit at sub-acute sites.
<b>TRAINEE RESPONSIBILITIES</b>	
<b>Positions:</b> Epping: OARS/Consults, RIR/ RECIPE  Bundoora: GEM (PCW)/Clinics, GEM (Ward1)/Clinics, GEM@Home/KAW/Clinics  Broadmeadows; Acute Aged Care/Clinics	
<b>Coverage Roster:</b> Variable depending on rotation. Can be 1 in 3 Mondays, and/or 1 in 5 weekends (Sat & Sun)	<b>Ward responsibilities/workload:</b> For in-patient positions - 20-30 inpatients.
<b>Consultations:</b> 4-5 rounds / week at NH Epping	<b>Specialist Clinic coverage:</b> Approximately 1 Clinic / week, depending on rotation
<b>Domiciliary assessments:</b> RIR/RECIPE involves full-time residential care visits as part of an outreach team.	<b>Research/presentations:</b> Regular presentations (e.g. Grand Rounds, junior medical staff, Allied Health and Nursing Staff). RACP requirements for Advanced Trainee projects.
<b>Teaching responsibilities:</b> Medical Students and others.	