

NAME: WESTERN HEALTH

TRAINING ALLIANCE: Western

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Number of accredited Training Positions: 15

Duration of Training Accredited: 24 months

Date of Most Recent Survey: Feb 2021

Date of Next Survey: 2023

Description of Service

STAFF:

Approximately 18 EFT Geriatricians. Full range of nursing and allied health staff.

Geriatricians: Drs Nooi Ang, Linda Appiah-Kubi, Robynne Dakis, Elizabeth Dapiran, Gustavo Duque, Mizhgan Fatima, Elisabeth Feher, John Guinane, Mark Johannesen, Shiu Lai, Sook Meng Lee, Jo Mitropoulos, Emma Lightbody, Lauren Nacey, Su-Lin Ng, Claire Long, Gordana Popovska, Barbara Sabangan, Christine Suriadi, Ruth Teh, Inese Tucker, Clare White.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

Western Health endeavors to tailor its training program to the needs and interests of individual registrars including those working part time.

Western Health offers trainees exposure to a comprehensive range of clinical services across the sites of Footscray, Sunshine, Williamstown and Werribee hospitals, including one of the largest acute care of the elderly programs in Victoria.

The Geriatric Medicine Department is a highly respected department within WH. We are involved in all points of care in a patient's journey – with a Geriatrician in ED model of care, 5 AAC units, 3 OGS units, 6 subacute wards, and multiple community services, specialist clinics and rapid access clinics. We have strong working relationships with all other departments, and are involved in establishing several innovative models of care. We are a large department of 22 Consultant Geriatricians who are passionate about providing best care to our patients, and providing an excellent training experience for our Registrars.

We offer: Acute Aged Care, Orthogeriatrics, Cardio-geriatrics, Geriatric Evaluation and Management (GEM), Dementia Management Unit (DMU), Rehab, Transitional Care Program (TCP), an inpatient consult service (SNAP: Subacute and Non-Acute Pathways), specialty clinics and community-based assessments (HARP, and residential in-reach with the Aged Care Liaison Service). One rotation allows attendance at clinics and rural visits (at least weekly). In addition, there is a rotation to Aged Person's Mental Health associated with North West Mental Health for Old Age Psychiatry inpatient care.

There is also an extensive education program. Trainees attend the fortnightly state-wide Victorian Geriatric Medicine Training Program (VGMTP) sessions, a local program tailored to the needs of

Western Alliance trainees and various other local training activities including those expected in a teaching hospital. Supportive senior medical staff supervise all aspects of training.

Western Health is a major partner in the Western Training Alliance of the (VGMTP), together with Melbourne Health, Barwon Health and Ballarat/Grampians Health. Since 2007 the Western Alliance Fellow in Geriatric Medicine (FIGM) has been based at Western Health. The Western Training Alliance Director of Training is also located at Western Health.

Western Health has a clinical school affiliated with the University of Melbourne.

<p>Number/type of Geriatric Beds:</p> <p>Acute Aged Care ~60-75 beds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sunshine Hospital 2 units - Footscray Hospital 3 units <p>Orthogeriatrics ~6-12 beds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 units attached to AAC at Footscray <p>Geriatric Evaluation & Management – 105 beds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Footscray -10 - Williamstown – 30 - Sunshine – 23 + 24 (2 units) - Werribee Mercy 20 (provide Reg and Consultant to this unit) <p>Dementia Management Unit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sunshine– 9 beds <p>Rehabilitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sunshine - 30 beds <p>Transition Care Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 30 at Williamstown 	<p>Specialty Clinics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Memory (CDAMS) - Falls and Mobility - Falls and Fractures - Urodynamics - Movement Disorders - Wound
<p>Consult Services:</p> <p>Subacute and Non-acute Pathways (SNAP) service to medical, surgical, rehabilitation, palliative care and psychogeriatric inpatients at Footscray, Williamstown and Sunshine campuses and consult support to the Werribee Mercy Hospital.</p> <p>Cardiogeriatrics Unit - Unique shared-care model at both Footscray and Sunshine</p> <p>ED Geriatrician at both Footscray and Sunshine</p>	<p>Domiciliary Assessments:</p> <p>HARP Geriatrician</p> <p>Aged Care Liaison Service (RACF)</p>
<p>Outpatient clinics/Day Hospital:</p> <p>Rapid Access Clinic - Planned</p>	
<p>Formal Training</p>	
<p>Lectures:</p> <p>Australian Institute For Musculoskeletal Science (AIMSS) Seminar Series</p>	<p>Journal Club:</p> <p>Monthly department journal club / education meeting</p>

<p>Grand Rounds:</p> <p>Weekly Division of Medicine grand rounds</p>	<p>Consult Rounds:</p> <p>Rural visits with 1:1 consultant supervision (involving at least one registrar on weekly basis)</p>
<p>Protected training time per week:</p> <p>Advanced trainees are entitled to 5 hours of training time per week which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Statewide training program (VGMTP) - Western Alliance Training program 	<p>Other:</p> <p>Fortnightly department Morbidity & Mortality</p> <p>Monthly unit education meetings which include research project progress presentations, conference feedback or guest speakers</p>
<p>Information Infrastructure</p>	
<p>Library:</p> <p>Available at all sites and remote access from home. Library staff readily available for 1 on 1 education and research support.</p>	<p>IT:</p> <p>Desktop access via library and other computers accessible throughout hospital. Fully implemented EMR across inpatient sites</p>
<p>Research:</p> <p>Western Health is now an independent clinical school of the University of Melbourne.</p> <p>The Western Centre for Health Research and Education (WCHRE) opened at Sunshine in 2012.</p> <p>The Australian Institute For Musculoskeletal Science is located in WCHRE and chaired by Prof Gustavo Duque.</p> <p>Advanced Trainees are actively supported through their new or continuing projects.</p>	<p>Quality Assurance:</p> <p>Fortnightly morbidity and mortality meetings</p> <p>Monthly review of discharge summaries</p> <p>DRG audits for Acute Aged Care units</p>
<p>Trainee Responsibilities</p>	
<p>Coverage Roster:</p> <p>Varies depending on rotation, may involve weekend cover for AAC and sick leave on-call for General Internal Medicine.</p>	<p>Ward responsibilities/workload:</p> <p>Varies depending on rotation.</p> <p>All inpatient units are supported by intern or HMOs</p> <p>Community / Rural rotation and the FIGM have no ward-based responsibilities</p>
<p>Consultations:</p> <p>Registrars are involved in the SNAP service across all sites</p>	<p>Specialist Clinic coverage:</p> <p>Registrars have the opportunity to attend specialist clinics, aligned with their roster and training requirements</p>

<p>Domiciliary assessments / ACAS assessments:</p> <p>Registrars working in the community/rural rotation are expected to complete supervised and unsupervised home visits (both metropolitan and rural settings).</p>	<p>Research/presentations:</p> <p>ANZSGM (Victoria) monthly sessions and Annual Scientific Meeting Departmental monthly education meetings Western Health Research Week</p>
<p>Teaching responsibilities:</p> <p>Involvement with the University of Melbourne MD course</p> <p>On the job teaching of junior medical staff, allied health and nursing staff.</p> <p>Opportunities to be involved with the BPT teaching and FRACP practice exams.</p>	<p>Rotations available and opportunities for flexible training:</p> <p>0.5 and job-share appointments have been provided and can be discussed for future training</p>