



The Prince Charles Hospital

HOSPITAL PROFILE

The Prince Charles Hospital is the major tertiary level cardiothoracic referral hospital for Queensland, the largest such unit in Australia and one of the largest services of its type in the world. The hospital is also a hub for specialist services in Psychiatry, Geriatric Medicine, Aged Care and Orthopaedics, together with outreach specialist services throughout Queensland. Services now also include General Medicine and General Surgery. Alcohol and Drugs, Sexual Health and AIDS, Home and Community Care, Indigenous Health form part of the hospital's off campus services.

The 600 bed hospital is located 15 minutes from Brisbane city centre, close to a major shopping centre and one hour drive from the Sunshine and Gold Coasts. Interns are entitled to free car parking and free access to a swimming pool on campus. "The Breeze Café", located on hospital grounds, is a popular place to meet up with colleagues.

JUNIOR MEDICAL STAFFING

- 163 Registrars
- 59 Residents
- 15 Interns

ROTATIONS FOR INTERNS

Each medical year is divided into five 10 - 12 week terms. Interns rotate through three compulsory and two non-compulsory Intern terms and work within closely knit multi-disciplinary teams.

Compulsory Terms include:

- General Medicine
- General Surgery
- Emergency Medicine
- Cardiology
- Respiratory
- Geriatrics
- Cardiothoracic Surgery

Non-Compulsory Terms can be undertaken in:

- Cardiology
- Respiratory
- Orthopaedics
- Psychiatry
- Geriatrics
- Cardiothoracic Surgery
- Palliative Medicine

All term allocations will be discussed with the Intern prior to commencement. Interns do not undertake any Relieving terms at The Prince Charles Hospital.



OVERVIEW OF CLINICAL PROGRAMS

Internal Medicine Services: General Medicine and Geriatric Medicine and Rehabilitation

Internal Medicine is a diverse service incorporating the General Medicine Program, the sub-acute Geriatric Medicine and Rehabilitation Program and several consulting sub-specialities.

The General Medicine Program has five medical units, one of which includes a dedicated Stroke Unit. The Program incorporates 2 general medicine wards, a Day Unit for Investigation and Therapy and works in closely with the Home Based Acute Care Service. Medical staffing includes 5 Residents and 8 Registrars, including a Chief Medical Registrar who oversees the training, allocations and rostering of all Medical Registrars at The Prince Charles Hospital.

A number of Oncology beds are included within one of the general medicine wards and General Medicine is closely integrated, via the Geriatric Rehabilitation Liaison Service, with the Sub-acute Geriatric Medicine and Rehabilitation Program which includes a Geriatric Evaluation and Management Unit, an Extended Care Unit, Day and inpatient Rehabilitation Services and a secure Cognitive Assessment and Management Unit adding a further 7 registrars and 4 Residents to the team.

Sub-speciality consulting services include: Endocrinology; Infectious Diseases; Renal; Endoscopy; Neurology; Oncology and Haematology.

Cardiology

The Cardiology Program undertakes all Interventional Cardiology procedures including angiograms, angioplasties, stenting, implantable defibrillators, electrical physiological studies and ablation procedures. Staffing includes 12 Residents, 15 Registrars and 5 Fellows.

Thoracic Medicine

The Thoracic Medicine Program is the major tertiary referral centre for Queensland and Northern New South Wales. In addition to general Thoracic Medicine, the Program also has several super-specialty services including: an Adult Cystic Fibrosis, Pulmonary Transplant and Vascular, Sleep Disorders and Pulmonary Malignancy Centres. The clinical services are integrated with extensive clinical and basic science research and education programs. The Program is strong affiliation with the TPC Clinical School of the University of Queensland. Staffing includes 5 Residents, 7 Registrars and 5 Fellows.

General Surgery

The General Surgery Program complements the long established Cardiothoracic and Orthopaedic Surgical Programs. Staffing includes 4 Residents and 6 Registrars.

Cardiothoracic Surgery

The Cardiothoracic Surgery Program comprises a number of units dedicated to the provision of cardiac services. The Program is one of two tertiary referral units for Queensland. The Program undertakes 1500 cardiac surgical operations per year. More than 30 heart and lung transplants are performed per annum. Staffing includes 5 Residents and 10 Registrars.

Orthopaedics

This Program provides a general elective orthopaedic service to the community with a strong focus on lower limb orthopaedics. It is a tertiary referral centre for primary and revision hip and knee joint replacement and hip arthroscopy. It is Queensland's largest joint replacement unit. Staffing includes 3 Residents and 4 Registrars.

Fractured Neck of Femur Service

The Fractured Neck of Femur Service is a perioperative service supported by both the General Medicine and Orthopaedic Departments. Staffing includes 2 Residents and 2 Registrars.

Psychiatry

The Mental Health Service consists of two 30 bed inpatient units, a medium secure unit and a community care unit. The service also provides community mental health followup at four sites across the district which are integrated with the inpatient services. Three cross district speciality services with psycho-geriatric services, perinatal service and a mobile intensive support team operate in conjunction with Redcliffe Caboolture. A consultant liaison service is provided to other Programs within the campus. Staffing includes 3 Residents and 21 Registrars.

Emergency Medicine

The Emergency Department operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The ED provides general emergency care for all conditions except major trauma with a strong focus on tertiary cardiac and respiratory emergencies. The department consists of 6 resuscitation bays, 22 acute and fast track areas and a 10 bed short stay unit. It is currently accredited by the Australasian College of Emergency Medicine for 12 months advanced training and is well supervised by consultants in Emergency Medicine who are focussed on providing high level teaching and training. The junior medical staff consists of 24 Registrars, 15 residents and 4 interns working a 4 x 10 hour shift rolling roster. The ED provides a well organised environment with dedicated teaching for all staff and includes an active pocket simulation centre.

Intensive Care

The 27 bed ICU is divided into General Intensive Care and Cardiac Surgical Intensive Care Units. Staffing consists of a Director, 5 Consultants and 18 Registrars.

WORKING CONDITIONS

- 38 ordinary hours per week plus paid overtime, an average of 42 hours per week
- Assistance with requests for roster changes
- Close monitoring for potential fatigue
- 5 weeks annual leave
- Flexible leave arrangements whilst fulfilling requirements for Intern training

ROSTERS

The after hours workload equates to approximately 4 weekend shifts over a 10 week term. Interns are not rostered on remote calls.

SUPPORT FOR INTERNS

The Prince Charles Hospital fosters a strong educational and professional ethos whilst supporting the wellbeing of their junior doctors.

MEDICAL EDUCATION

Medical Education at The Prince Charles Hospital provides:

- Formal Intern training program
- Formal assessment and feedback process
- Intern unit evaluation process
- Personal and professional support for all junior doctors
- Advanced Life Support Training Program

SUPERVISION

Interns receive good supervision by specialty Registrars during the day as well as after hours. On-site Registrar cover after hours includes one Emergency Department Registrar, one Medical Registrars, two ICU Registrars and one Cardiothoracic Surgery Registrar.

For more information about your Internship at The Prince Charles Hospital please contact us on

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Please also view our website for further information on The Prince Charles Hospital.

www.health.qld.gov.au/tpch/

We look forward to your application through the Intern 2012 Campaign.

The Prince Charles Hospital Medical Officer Support Team

