

## 2025 – Basic Physician Training

### Austin-Bendigo Regional BPT Pathway

#### Central NorthWest Basic Physician Training Consortium

The Central North West Consortium comprises Austin Health, Bendigo Health, Echuca Regional Health, Northern Health, and Wimmera Health Care Group.

The Central North West Consortium offers comprehensive support across all years of the PREP program with all rotations accredited by the RACP. We have a long tradition of providing excellent physician training to trainees within this consortium. A training program to support trainees preparing for the written and clinical RACP examinations has been implemented across all sites within the consortium. In-house written exam lectures are held September to January each year finishing with a mock 170 question written exam.

Further information can be obtained at [www.centralnorthwest.org.au](http://www.centralnorthwest.org.au)

As all the hospitals in the consortium have grown significantly, there are now over 150 trainees employed over the three training years which has made rostering and local trainee support increasingly difficult. From 2020, the consortium commenced the process to separate into two recruiting bodies for recruitment into the consortium BPT program. Appointments are now aligned to Austin Health or Northern Health for the BPT/Medical stream across all three levels (BPT1-BPT3), so applicants need to apply to each Health Service independently. Rotational partnerships within the Consortium see Austin Health paired with Bendigo Health; and Northern Health with Echuca Regional Health and Wimmera Health Care Group.

The educational program continues unchanged across the health services; all of the preparation for the written and clinical exams continue to be shared across sites with trainees having access to tutorials and other educational activities at all sites.

Please note that these positions will be processed through the Postgraduate Medical Council Victoria (PMCV) Allocation and Placement Service (APS).

#### Summary of positions

Currently there are over 75 positions available at Austin Health and Bendigo Health in the Basic Physician Training (BPT) program.

There are four roles which form the Austin-Bendigo Regional BPT Pathway, with even numbers of Austin and Bendigo rotations across the three-year program (18 months at each health service, with 12 months of rotations at Austin Health prior to the clinical exam). This program will offer trainees exposure to a variety of speciality and general/acute medicine rotations, and a unique insight into working in a regional/rural location.

For candidates successful in securing a position in the Austin-Bendigo Regional BPT Pathway, rotations will be set across the three years of training. Candidates will be given opportunities to experience Geriatric Medicine, ID/HITH, and/or Oncology rotations as a Medical Registrar in BPT2 and BPT3 years. Rosters within this stream will include even splits between speciality, general medicine, and non-core/relief. Indicative rosters are shown below; please note applicants for this stream must be willing to commit to a three-year contract.

**Trainee One Example Roster:**

BPT1				BPT2				BPT3			
Bendigo Cardiology HMO	Austin Specialty	Austin HMO ND	Bendigo Renal HMO	Bendigo Reg ND	Bendigo Oncology Reg	Austin Reg Relief	Austin Acute Reg	Austin Reg ND	Austin Acute Reg	Bendigo Gen Med Reg	Bendigo ID/HITH Reg

**Trainee Two Example Roster:**

BPT1				BPT2				BPT3			
Bendigo Renal HMO	Austin Specialty	Bendigo Cardiology HMO	Austin HMO ND	Bendigo Geriatric Reg	Bendigo Reg ND	Austin Acute Reg	Austin HMO Relief	Austin Acute Reg	Austin Reg ND	Bendigo Oncology Reg	Bendigo Acute Reg

**BPT – Applications and Important Information**

**Applications to Austin Health**

All applications must be submitted via our online recruitment system. Please follow the instructions and complete all the steps. You must also attach a cover letter and a Curriculum Vitae (CV) in order to be considered for short listing.

Applications for Austin-Bendigo Regional BPT Pathway, please submit applications via the Austin Careers website. Please address your cover letters to Hannah Cole, MWU Manager, Bendigo Health.

**References**

References will be requested following interviews.

**Interviews**

Applicants will be contacted for interview following the short-listing process. Contact will be made via email, and instructions on how to proceed with an interview time will be included in the email.

**Selection**

Candidates applying for the Austin-Bendigo Regional BPT Pathway will also be assessed on their interest in the program and connection to the Bendigo region.

**Appointments**

Pre match offers to the Regional BPT Pathway will be made prior to June 12<sup>th</sup> 2024, allowing successful candidates 2 days to accept their offer. Remaining positions will be filled via the PMCV match.