

Austin Health Position Description



Position Title: Pulmonary Hypertension Fellow

Classification:	Fellow
Business Unit/ Department:	Cardiology
Work location:	Austin Health <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heidelberg Repatriation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Royal Talbot <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> (please specify)
Agreement:	AMA Victoria - Victorian Public Health Sector - Doctors in Training Enterprise Agreement 2022- 2026
Employment Type:	Fixed-Term Part-Time
Hours per week:	12 hours
Reports to:	Director of Cardiology
Direct Reports:	N/A
Financial management:	N/A
Date:	August 2024

About Austin Health

Austin Health is one of Victoria's largest health care providers. We deliver services for patients across four main sites in Melbourne, in locations across our community, in people's homes, and within regional hospitals across Victoria. We are an internationally recognised leader in clinical teaching, training and research, with numerous university and research institute affiliations.

We employ approximately 9,500 staff and are known for our specialist work in cancer, infectious diseases, obesity, sleep medicine, intensive care medicine, neurology, endocrinology, mental health and rehabilitation.

Our vision is to shape the future through exceptional care, discovery and learning. This is supported by our values which define who we are, shape our culture and the behaviors of our people.

We aim to provide an inclusive culture where all staff can contribute to the best of their ability and strive to develop further. We recognise that our people are our greatest strength. We want them to thrive, be their best selves and feel engaged, safe and empowered. To achieve this, diversity and inclusion is essential to our culture and our values. You can view our current Diversity and Inclusion Plan [here](#).

Position Purpose

The aim of this fellowship is to provide the opportunity for an appropriate qualified medical officer with an interest in pulmonary hypertension:

- To undertake research and quality activities, within the department, aiming for publication in a peer-reviewed medical journal and to assist other researchers with projects
- To develop advanced clinical competency in pulmonary hypertension management
- To promulgate and embed recent advances into clinical practice as appropriate
- To promote, participate and assist in the dissemination of the clinical audit processes to improve patient outcomes

About the Cardiology Department

The Department of Cardiology is located on Level 5 at the Austin Hospital Campus. Clinical and administrative activities occur on Level 5 at the Austin Tower and Harold Stokes Building.

Medical staff comprises cardiologists, RACP accredited advanced trainee cardiology registrars, HMOs, sub-specialty fellows encompassing non-invasive imaging, pulmonary hypertension, heart failure, structural cardiology, interventional cardiology and electrophysiology, and a number of higher degree research fellows.

The Cardiology department provides an extensive range of cardiac services to inpatients and outpatients. These services include consultations, echocardiography, non-invasive testing (ECG, Holter monitoring), coronary angiography and percutaneous intervention for coronary and non-coronary applications (congenital and valvular), electrophysiological testing and ablation (including AF ablation) and device implantation (pacemaker and ICD). The department provides 24-hour cardiac catheterisation laboratory services for acute myocardial infarction. In-patients are managed predominantly in the 30-bed Cardiac and Thoracic Unit on Ward 5 East. The department has links to the University of Melbourne and a major involvement in teaching, training and research at under-graduate and post-graduate levels, for both nursing and medical staff.

Purpose and Accountabilities

Role Specific:

Fellows must become familiar with all aspects of investigation and evidence based management of Pulmonary Hypertension. In addition to involvement in clinical care, the successful applicant will develop a research portfolio and participate in the unit quality program.

Specific duties include:

- Participation in Pulmonary Hypertension clinics and preparing high quality presentations for multidisciplinary meetings both at Austin Health and other affiliated centres.
- Assisting with the regulatory compliance required for approval of targeted therapies.
- Data management of the Pulmonary Hypertension Society of Australia and New Zealand (PHSANZ) Registry.
- Assisting with recruiting suitable patients into research trials.
- Attendance and undertake regular presentations at departmental meetings, Journal Club, and other meetings relevant to Pulmonary Hypertension.

All Employees:

- Comply with Austin Health [policies & procedures](#) as amended from time to time
- Comply with the Code of Conduct and uphold our values, and diversity and inclusion commitments
- Maintain a safe working environment for yourself, colleagues and members of the public. Escalate concerns regarding safety, quality and risk to the appropriate staff member, if unable to rectify yourself
- Comply with the principals of patient centered care.
- Comply with Austin Health mandatory training and continuing professional development requirements
- Work across multiple sites as per work requirements and/or directed by management

People Management Roles:

- Maintain an understanding of individual responsibility for safety, quality & risk and actively contribute to organisational quality and safety initiatives
- Ensure incident management systems are applied and a response to local issues and performance improvement occurs
- Support staff under management to comply with policies, procedures and mandatory training and continuing professional development requirements.

Selection Criteria

Essential Knowledge and skills:

- A commitment to Austin Health values
- Must be a registered Medical Practitioner in Australia with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) - (note eligible applicants will be assisted through this process).
- Registered Medical Practitioner in the State of Victoria, preferably with postgraduate qualifications in an area relevant to Pulmonary Hypertension.
- An understanding of the role of clinical audit and quality review in the process of patient service improvement

- A commitment to delivery of quality care to patients following best clinical practice
- Demonstrates multidisciplinary engagement, teamwork and collaboration.
- Have demonstrated ability to communicate effectively at all levels.

Desirable but not essential:

- A sound understanding of information technology including clinical systems and applications.
- An understanding of the complexities and challenges of public health.

General Information

Austin Health is a Child Safe Environment

Austin Health is committed to child safety. We want children to be safe, happy and empowered. We support and respect all children, as well as our staff and volunteers. Austin Health has zero tolerance of child abuse, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated seriously in line with legal obligations and our policies and procedures.

Equal Opportunity Employer

We welcome applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. For any support throughout the recruitment process or further information about working at Austin Health, please follow this link to Aboriginal Employment on our [website](#)

Document Review Agreement

Manager Signature	
Employee Signature	
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