

# Position Description

## Pulmonary Hypertension Fellow

<b>Classification:</b>	Fellow
<b>Business unit/department:</b>	Cardiology
<b>Work location:</b>	Austin Hospital <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> (please specify)
<b>Agreement:</b>	AMA Victoria - Victorian Public Health Sector - Doctors in Training Enterprise Agreement 2022-2026
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<b>Employment type:</b>	Fixed-Term Part-Time
<b>Hours per week:</b>	12 hours
<b>Reports to:</b>	Director of Cardiology
<b>Direct reports:</b>	N/A
<b>Financial management:</b>	Budget: N/A
<b>Date:</b>	May 2025

### 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, ICD and CRT). 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 undergraduate and post-graduate levels, for both nursing and medical staff.

## Position responsibilities

### 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.

Fellows will have the opportunity to conduct rural outreach clinics in the Northeast Victorian region.

## Selection criteria

### Essential skills and experience:

- 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



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- 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.

### **Professional qualifications and registration requirements**

- Registered Medical Practitioner in Australia with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA), preferably with postgraduate qualifications in an area relevant to Cardiology.
- Registered Medical Practitioner in the State of Victoria, preferably with postgraduate qualifications in an area relevant to Pulmonary Hypertension.

### **Quality, safety and risk – all roles**

All Austin Health employees are required to:

- Maintain a safe working environment for yourself, colleagues and members of the public by following organisational safety, quality and risk policies and guidelines.
- Escalate concerns regarding safety, quality and risk to the appropriate staff member, if unable to rectify yourself.
- Promote and participate in the evaluation and continuous improvement processes.
- Comply with the principles of person-centered care.
- Comply with requirements of National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards and other relevant regulatory requirements.

### **Other conditions – all roles**

All Austin Health employees are required to:

- Adhere to Austin Health's core values: *our actions show we care, we bring our best, together we achieve, and we shape the future.*
- Comply with the Austin Health's Code of Conduct policy, as well as all other policies and procedures (as amended from time to time).
- Comply with all Austin Health mandatory training and continuing professional development requirements.
- Provide proof of immunity to nominated vaccine preventable diseases in accordance with Austin Health's immunisation screening policy.
- Work across multiple sites as per work requirements and/or directed by management.



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## General information

### Cultural safety

Austin Health is committed to cultural safety and health equity for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander People. We recognise cultural safety as the positive recognition and celebration of cultures. It is more than just the absence of racism or discrimination, and more than cultural awareness and cultural sensitivity. It empowers people and enables them to contribute and feel safe to be themselves.

### Equal Opportunity Employer

We celebrate, value, and include people of all backgrounds, genders, identities, cultures, bodies, and abilities. We welcome and support applications from talented people identifying as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, people with disability, neurodiverse people, LGBTQIA+ and people of all ages and cultures.

### Austin Health is a child safe environment

We are committed to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. We want children to be safe, happy and empowered. Austin Health has zero tolerance for any form of child abuse and commits to protect children. We take allegations of abuse and neglect seriously and will make every effort to mitigate and respond to risk in line with hospital policy and procedures.



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