

Position Description

Structural Heart Fellow

Classification:	Fellow
Business unit/department:	Cardiology
Work location:	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)
Agreement:	AMA Victoria - Victorian Public Health Sector - Doctors in Training Enterprise Agreement 2022-2026
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Employment type:	Fixed-Term Full-Time
Hours per week:	38 hours
Reports to:	Director of Cardiology
Direct reports:	N/A
Financial management:	Budget: N/A
Date:	April 2026

Position purpose

- Training to a level of proficiency in structural heart cardiology.
- To be current in the understanding of recent advances in the field, particularly advances which apply to daily practice.
- To participate in the management of patients having structural heart procedures.
- To understand and participate in the clinical audit process to improve patient outcomes.
- To contribute to clinical research projects within the department, aiming for a first author publication in a peer-reviewed medical journal, and to assist other Fellows with projects.

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 be familiar with and able to participate in pre- and post-procedural management of patients undergoing elective procedures via the day surgery unit and wards, and also of those requiring in-patient procedures, originating in the Coronary Care Unit, the Intensive Care Unit and via the Emergency Department.

Clinical duties of particular importance include:

- Responsibility for preparing and presenting patients at the structural heart disease MDM, with a special focus on TAVI
- Consulting in structural heart disease outpatient clinics
- Explanation of procedures to patients and obtaining informed consent.
- Perform critical technical manipulations of the case under consultant supervision.
- Post procedural vascular access site care and management of comorbid conditions including discharge planning from the cardiology ward.
- Rapid and accurate assessment, and management of patients with haemodynamic, haemorrhagic and ischaemic complications of interventional procedures.
- Clinical follow-up of patients in the pre and post-procedural phase.
- Entry of clinical details and quantitative parameters into a research database (local and TAVI ACOR database).
- Assist in recruiting suitable patients into research trials and participating in research projects in structural heart disease.
- Presentation of audits and topics in departmental educational meetings, related to structural cardiology

Fellows are required to participate and assist in performing the following procedures but are not expected to achieve independent operator status:

- Balloon aortic and mitral valvuloplasty
- Transcatheter aortic valve implantation (TAVI)
- Atrial septal defect and patent foramen ovale closures
- Left atrial appendage occlusion procedures
- Other structural heart procedures



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Selection criteria

Essential skills and experience:

- Appropriate tertiary medical qualification.
- 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).
- Have appropriate training and experience applicable to the field of cardiology.
- The ability and commitment to work as a team member with senior medical, resident, nursing and other staff.
- A commitment to quality, excellence and best practice in the delivery of cardiac services to Austin Health patients (including inpatient services, outpatient services, diagnostic and interventional services as appropriate).
- An understanding of the role of clinical audit and quality review in the process of patient service improvement.
- 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, preferably with postgraduate qualifications in an area relevant to Cardiology.
- Candidates must have completed core cardiology training of the RACP or overseas equivalent.

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.



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- 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.

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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