

Position Description

Position Title: Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Clinical and Research Fellow

Classification:	Fellow
Business unit/department:	Gastroenterology
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 Choose an item. Choose an item.
Employment type:	Fixed-Term Part-Time
Hours per week:	30.4 hours per week
Reports to:	Chief Medical Officer through the Division of Surgery Medical Director and Director of IBD Unit Professional accountability is to the Chairman, Division of Surgery
Direct reports:	N/A
Financial management:	Budget: Nil
Date:	February 2026

Austin Health acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we operate, the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung People of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respects to Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Position purpose

To provide excellent care to patients with Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) and to perform quality research at Austin Health.

IBD clinical and research development of the incumbent is a significant component of the role.

About the Gastroenterology Department

The Austin Gastroenterology Unit provides expert care in the fields of luminal gastroenterology, hepatology, interventional endoscopy, intestinal failure and hepatocellular carcinoma.

Emergency and inpatient services are based at Austin Hospital while outpatient services and endoscopy are based on the Austin Hospital and Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital. In addition, a consultative service is provided for other units within the Health Service. The Unit maintains an ongoing commitment to undergraduate and postgraduate teaching.

There are weekly multidisciplinary outpatient clinics for general gastroenterology, inflammatory bowel disease, liver disease, viral hepatitis, hepatocellular carcinoma and intestinal failure/rehabilitation.

The endoscopy service provided by the Gastroenterology Unit is the largest in the state, offering a weekly advanced endoscopy outpatient clinic for complex referrals, in addition to routine gastroscopy, colonoscopy, endoscopic ultrasound (EUS), ERCP and balloon enteroscopy.

A gastroenterology physiology laboratory has recently been established to provide upper gastrointestinal and anorectal manometry, pH studies, capsule endoscopy and Fibroscan.

Position responsibilities

Role Specific:

IBD Fellow Roles and Responsibilities:

- Attendance at IBD Monday am fortnightly combined Austin/Mercy IBD pregnancy clinic
- Attendance at IBD Tuesday am clinic and Wednesday am clinic
- Attendance at IBD Tuesday pm fortnightly Virtual Biologics and Virtual Dysplasia clinic
- Attendance at a weekly scope list with an IBD consultant
- Assist and manage patients via the IBD Helpline in conjunction with the IBD nurse consultants
- IBD related admin paperwork in conjunction with the Gastroenterology registrar
- Direct involvement and management of inpatient and outpatient care
- Supervisory role to the Gastroenterology registrar re: inpatient/outpatient care
- Identify IBD inpatients and communicate their presence/management plan to the IBD nurse consultants.
- Provide feedback regarding IBD inpatients during weekly IBD post-clinic meeting
- Together with the Gastroenterology registrar identify patients for the IBD MDM, prepare slides with history/issues and coordinate and communicate the meeting agenda to all stakeholders. Enter management plan into SMR.
- Promptly inform the Manager of any relevant administrative issues
- Identify and work with IBD CNC's to develop protocols for IBD management.
- Coordinate all requests to the relevant Pharma for biologic compassionate stock
- Provide timely notification of inability to attend duties for any reason
- Involvement in the unit's educational and audit activities
- Involvement in sponsored studies
- Involvement in own study including
 - o Project design and ethics submission
 - o Patient recruitment
 - o Preparation of manuscripts for peer reviewed publications



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Teaching and Training:

- Participation in both undergraduate and post graduate teaching and training
- Expected to attend at least one conference in Gastroenterology.
- Attend and participate in ALL mandatory training requirements at Austin Health, including CERNER training and OH&S training as required.

Supervisor Responsibilities:

- Provide a supportive environment for research and clinical duties
- Support activities that promote the personal and professional growth of the fellow
- Set realistic expectations and deadlines

Fellow and Supervisor Responsibilities:

- Create a positive work environment conducive to teamwork and fairness
- Ability to resolve issues and differences in opinion through open discussion, mutual respect and understanding, and willingness to seek more senior advice or arbitration if required.

Credentialing and Scope of Clinical Practice

In-patient and outpatient management of patients with Inflammatory Bowel Disease

In-patient and outpatient management of patients with Gastroenterology & Hepatology conditions

Selection criteria

Essential skills and experience

- A commitment to Austin Health values.
- Appropriate tertiary medical qualification from either Australian Medical School or recognised overseas training.
- Medical Registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) of Australia.
- Dedication to delivering excellent service – to patients, all colleagues (nursing, medical, managerial, support staff), GPs and other contact points.

Desirable but not essential:

- A sound understanding of information technology including clinical systems, applications relevant to the Management of rostering and risk management reporting or as required for the role and/or department.

Professional qualifications and registration requirements

- Successful completion of written and clinical FRACP exam
- Completion of core advanced gastroenterology training via FRACP



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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.

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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