

Mount Isa Hospital

North West Hospital and Health Service

Facilities and services

Intern campaign

Location information

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Hospital facilities

Mount Isa is a CSCF Level 4 Specialist Service Base Hospital with a total of 80 beds. It is the referral hospital for the North West region, with remote country/community hospitals at Doomadgee, Normanton, Morningson Island, Cloncurry, Julia Creek and health centers at Dajarra, Camooweal, Karumba and Burketown.

Mount Isa also has a Royal Flying Doctor Service base providing rural retrievals, transfers and numerous primary health care activities including clinics at the health centers mentioned above. Mount Isa Hospital has undergone a redevelopment which included a new Emergency Department, new Outpatients Department, Mental Health (Outpatient) Unit, a Cancer Care Centre and a Paediatrics Unit.



The Emergency Department sees approximately 28,000 to 32,000 presentations per annum. An extremely varied mix of presentations gives clinical staff many opportunities to gain hands-on experience in procedural work and broad clinical experience. Our hospital is the major referral centre for nine other remote health facilities and clinics in the region. Therefore our health facility is the primary facility for the treatment of trauma including those caused by mining and farming accidents as well as road accidents. Medical staff will be exposed to a variety of medical, surgical, gynaecological and paediatric cases.

Clinical service profile

Services include - Accident and Emergency; Aged Care; Anaesthetics; Community Health; Day Surgery; Dental Care; Dietetics; Family Planning; General Medicine, General Surgery, Intensive Care, Maternity;

Medical Imaging inc. MRT, CT, USS, Echo; Mental Health; Occupational Therapy; Oncology; Outpatients; Paediatrics; Palliative Care; Pathology; Pharmacy; Physiotherapy; Podiatry; Renal Unit; Sexual Health; Social Work; Speech Therapy; Multiple additional specialist services are provided on an outreach basis from Townsville, Cairns and Brisbane.

Clinical – Our resident population includes a large number of Aboriginal people. Mount Isa is land of the Kalkadoon people. The Medical staff will become familiar with Indigenous Health issues and management, as well as rural and remote practice. Case management will include multiple chronic health problems such as Rheumatic Heart Disease, Diabetes and its associated complications (heart, liver and renal disease) as well as multiple other health problems like Mental Health, addiction, and may others.

Education and training opportunities

The Mount Isa Hospital provides two paid courses per year, typically ARC ALS level 2 and the APLS course that are accredited by all Colleges in Australia.

- An established link to James Cook University – Mound Isa Centre Rural & Remote Health (www.micrrh.jcu.edu.au)
- Regular in-services
- Simulation training in the ED Pocket Centre or at MICRRH
- Grand rounds sessions conducted by visiting and local staff specialists weekly
- Telehealth – voice and video conference facilities
- Bi-weekly education sessions

The Mount Isa is accredited for training with the Rural Generalist Pathway for both Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) and The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) with AST/ARST in:

- JCCA Anaesthetics
- DRANZCOG/advanced
- Emergency Medicine
- ATSI Health
- Remote Medicine
- Basic Physician Trainee (Rotations from Cairns Base Hospital)
- Advanced Paediatrics (Rotations from The Lady Cilento Children's Hospital)

The Medical Workforce Unit provides administrative and professional support to all medical staff and the Medical Education Officer and the Director of Clinical Training provides medical staff with career guidance and support.

There is an RMO lounge onsite which can be used at any time. Computers and internet access are provided for your convenience.

There is a Library onsite for you to access Medical Textbooks and journals. Computers and printers are available and the Library is open from 0830 to 1800 Monday to Friday.

It's possible to start in Mount Isa as an Intern or JHO and to leave Mount Isa with a Fellowship of the College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) as a Rural Generalist.

Employment conditions

- Inaccessibility Allowance - Rural and remote allowance of \$34,500 per annum (\$17,250 payable at the completion of each six months)!
- **Free** furnished accommodation is provided for full contract period!
- Relocation for QH/Interstate Employees - vehicle and personal effects arranged through Hospital & Toll Transitions up to \$3500
- **Free** on-site parking!
- 5 weeks annual leave!
- 76 hours per fortnight!
- Continuous, one on one support available from Directors, Staff Specialists, Senior Medical Officers and Executive Director of Medical Services!

Available positions

- 5 Rural General Interns- should there be an undersubscription to the rural generalist campaign, candidates will have the opportunity to preference Mount Isa through the General Intern Campaign

RMO Rotations are offered in Emergency, Anaesthetics/ICU, Medical, Surgical, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Paediatrics and Palliative Care.

Community and lifestyle

Mount Isa is a remote but robust community with friendly residents and a beautiful landscape. There are great schools including private schools, day care centres and many sporting clubs. Restaurants and clubs offer good opportunities for leisure and socialising. The hospital community offers an opportunity to make new friends for life. The rugged countryside offers ample opportunity for day and weekend trips, no matter whether you are interested in 4WD, camping or enjoy luxury hotels or motel accommodation. Lake Moondarra is a popular spot for water sports and fishing and a weekend trip to Adel's Grove and canoe through Lawn Hill Gorge is a must!

In Mount Isa, you are 5 minutes to anywhere! Experience the Outback Lifestyle while extending your knowledge of Rural and Remote Medicine!

Annual highlights

- April – Julia Creek Dirt in Dust Festival (triathlon, concert & PBR Bull Ride) www.dirtndust.com
- May – The Gregory River Canoe Race www.northwestcanoecub.org.au/thegregory.htm
- June – The Mount Isa Show & PBR Bull Ride www.mountisashow.com.au
- August – Mount Isa Rodeo and Mardi Gras street parade www.isarodeo.com.au



“Lawn Hill Gorge”



“Waterfalls at Lawn Hill”



“The Gregory River”



“Lake Moondarra”