

Metro North Hospital and Health Service – Surgical Services and Critical Care Program, Department of Gastroenterology, Hepatology & Endoscopy

RMO and Registrar Campaign 2024

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General Description of The Prince Charles Hospital:

The Prince Charles Hospital is the leading cardiothoracic hospital in Australia with a reputation for delivering excellence in healthcare. We employ around 3250 staff who together provide specialised care for over 420,000 people a year.

As the premier cardiac hospital for Queensland and northern New South Wales, we are the hub for specialised services including heart and lung transplants, adult cystic fibrosis, adult congenital heart disease and complex cardiac care. The Queensland Indigenous Cardiac and Respiratory Outreach programs are also based here.

Following a major upgrade of the hospital in 2007, we added general medical and general surgical services, including a general adult emergency medicine services to enhance our strong cardio-thoracic focus.

In 2012, we opened a brand-new children's health service to help make healthcare more convenient and accessible for families living in Brisbane's northern suburbs. These services include a children's emergency department, short-stay ward and outpatients service.

The Prince Charles Hospital is involved in numerous national and international research trials and projects. We are the centre for leading clinical and translational research programs, particularly in the fields of cardiac thoracic medicine and surgery, critical care and orthopaedics. We are focused on education and innovation and have strong partnerships with The University of Queensland, Queensland University of Technology and The Australian Catholic University.

Major specialities represented at The Prince Charles Hospital:

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Number of Beds: 680

Gastroenterology Positions:	Year of training	Supervisor 1	Supervisor 2
Advanced Trainee:	1	Adj/Prof Tony Rahman	Dr Ruth Hodgson
Advanced Trainee:	2	Adj/Prof Tony Rahman	Dr Ruth Hodgson
Research/Clinical GE Registrar:	PHO	Adj/Prof Tony Rahman	Dr Ruth Hodgson
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Gastroenterology Fellow:	3	Adj/Prof Tony Rahman	Dr Ruth Hodgson
Basic Trainee:	BT	Director of Medical Training	Dr Ruth Hodgson

The Prince Charles Hospital Team:

The Gastroenterology Department is led by Adjunct Professor Tony Rahman and has an enthusiastic and skilled team delivering excellent care across all GE subspecialties. The current 6.75FTE of Adjunct Professor Tony Rahman, Dr Ruth Hodgson, Dr Antony Pan, Dr Madhavi Kasi, Dr Mohammad Khan, Dr Samapriya Hewawasam, Dr Kevin O'Regan, Dr Azhar Ghumman, Dr Myat Myat Khaing, Dr Rajiv Shrivastava and Dr Aditya Agarwal deliver the bulk of GE services with the addition of many VMOs who add time and expertise to the team, primarily in outpatient and endoscopic services. The junior staff are a fellow, year 1 AT, a year 2 AT and a full time basic trainee aided by an RMO. Between one to three full-time research registrars also assist in the GE clinics and contribute considerably to the teaching and clinical commitments.

The Gastroenterology Department has a strong research background having attracted over \$2million in local and nationwide research grants, to support the ongoing research in hepatic encephalopathy, coeliac disease, Hepatitis C, and endoscopy outcomes. A full-time hepatology CNC and a part time IBD CNC contribute to educational, clinical and research commitments. There are established links with James Cook University, University of Queensland and Queensland Institute of Medical Research (QIMR).

The Prince Charles Hospital has one of the busiest public endoscopy units of Queensland, performing nearly 10 000 procedures per year. New interventional services of ERCP and EUS have been established. There is active engagement in teaching endoscopic skills not only to our own registrars as well as rural GPs providing endoscopic services. There is an established expert oesophageal physiology laboratory servicing North Queensland, as well as outreach Hepatitis C services.

The year 1 AT in GE are expected to manage the junior team, supervise inpatients, manage emergency procedures, actively engage in teaching basic trainees and medical students from UQ, as well as engage in the Metro North clinical meetings and education sessions and the Queensland GE AT teaching program. There are many educational opportunities within Queensland and more widely, that the trainees are actively encouraged to attend. There is ample supervision both from more senior trainees as well as consultants expert in a wide variety of subspecialties. All ATs participate in the Metro North GE emergency rota.