

SUNSHINE COAST HEALTH SERVICE DISTRICT

Sunshine Coast University Hospital

RMO CAMPAIGN 2026

Number of Core Training Positions accredited: 7

Duration of Training Accredited: 2year core

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Description of Service

STAFF: 12 Geriatricians covering multiple units across the district

PROGRAM:

Acute Inpatient units:

- Acute geriatrics 12 beds at Sunshine Coast University Hospital (SCUH) (Core training)
- Acute stroke unit 16 beds at SCUH (Core training)
- Orthogeriatrics (admitted under geriatrician) at SCUH (Core training)

Subacute Inpatient units:

- 32 bed Acute and Restorative Care for the Older Person Unit Nambour Hospital including 8 bed secure unit (Core training)

Community geriatrics: (Core training)

- 10 Residential Transition care beds
- Domiciliary home visit service

Outpatient Services:

- General Geriatrics, Complex cognitive care, Falls, Perioperative for the older person

RaSS: Residential aged care Acute Support Service (Core training)

GEMR-HITH: 8-10 bed subacute geriatric/ rehabilitation unit supported by a multidisciplinary team (Not yet accredited for core-training)

Number/type of Geriatric Beds:

See above

Specialty Clinics:

Falls
General Geriatrics
Complex cognitive care

Consult Services:

Ortho-geriatric
General Geriatrics

Domiciliary Assessment:

Home and RACF visits
Post discharge follow up service

Outpatient Clinics/Day Hospital: Post discharge appointments including telehealth	
Formal Training	
Lectures: Queensland advanced trainee meeting via videoconference	Journal Club: Weekly department Geriatrics training meeting
Grand Rounds: Department Medicine grand rounds 1/week Department Medicine teaching meeting 1/week The above are accessed via videoconference if outside of SCUH	Consult Rounds: Vary according to rotation – generally 3 rounds / week for each inpatient unit.
Other Specialty Links: All major Internal Medicine departments	Protected time per week: 1 session / week.
Information Infrastructure	
Library: Excellent on-site library	IT: Standard Queensland Health, internet access, online library facility
Research: Links with Griffith University and University of the Sunshine Coast	Quality Assurance: Active audit and Quality Improvement program Monthly Morbidity and Mortality Meetings
Trainee Responsibilities	
After Hours Coverage Roster: Geriatrics weekend rounds 1:4 half day duties with week day off in lieu. After hours admitting shift for subspecialties about monthly.	Ward responsibilities/workload: Most inpatient units 12 patients with intern or Junior House Officer (JHO); Leading weekly MDT Case conferences Community Geriatrics – TCP and subacute program patients including weekly case conference. Home visits. RaSS – emergency care for RACF residents both as part of a mobile outreach service and embedded in ED
Consultations: Each registrar covers all consults for their area / unit.	Specialist Clinic cover Generally weekly OPD with exception of RaSS Reg and GEMR-HITH

<p>Domiciliary assessments / ACAT assessments: Community Geriatric registrar GEMR-HITH registrar</p>	<p>Research/presentations: Presentations within department meetings (both Department of Medicine and Geriatrics)</p>
<p>Teaching responsibilities: Local clinical school with medical students in most rotations Teaching for basic physician trainees Teaching multidisciplinary team members</p>	<p>Rotations available and opportunities for flexible training: Accredited for core training in Acute geriatrics, Stroke (though this is also offered to neurology trainees so less readily available), Orthogeriatrics, Subacute Inpatients including rehabilitation and management of BPSD, Community and RaSS service. Whilst accredited for 7 core positions would probably take up to 5 advanced trainees at any one time. Open to discussions around part-time work.</p>