

TOOWOOMBA HOSPITAL

Geriatric Medicine Service Description

RMO CAMPAIGN 2025

Number of Elective Training Positions accredited: 6
24 months - 6 months maximum in each of - stroke; acute geriatric services (RaSS), orthogeriatrics, Geriatric Emergency Department Intervention (GEDI), rehabilitation, acute geriatrics (St Vincent's Hospital) and HITH-CAC

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Description of Service:

STAFF:

Dr Nisal Gange Director – Geriatric, Stroke - Toowoomba Base and St Vincent's
Dr K.J Wijayarathne Geriatrician (Geriatrics and GIM) - Toowoomba Base
Dr Anna Taylor Geriatrician- Toowoomba Base
Dr Lindson Alapatt Geriatrician- Toowoomba Base
Dr Ken Ng Geriatrician -St Vincent's Hospital
Dr Lemya Abdalla- Geriatrician – Toowoomba Base
Dr Deepak Darshan- Geriatrician – Toowoomba Base
Dr Shilpa Nadahalli Geriatrician -St Vincent's Hospital
Dr Binita Shrestha Rehabilitation Physician- Toowoomba Hospital/ St Vincent's
5 Advance trainee Registrars
1 Basic trainee Registrar
5 RMOs
1 Intern

PROGRAM:

Geriatric, Adult Rehabilitation and Stroke Service – Toowoomba Hospital
Geriatric and Rehabilitation – St Vincent's Hospital Toowoomba

Number/type of Geriatric Beds:

8 Acute Geriatrics
7 GEMS
31 Rehab (15TBH) (16SVHT)
8 Stroke
10 Orthogeriatric (Orthopaedic Unit Joint Care)
8 Acute Geriatrics
6 GEDI beds
15 Community Geriatric beds (HiTH CAC)

Specialty Clinics:

Memory clinic (3 per week)
Stroke/TIA clinic (2 per week)
General Geriatric clinic (1 weekly)
Geriatric Telehealth clinic (1 per week)
Falls clinic (1 Fortnightly)
Parkinson clinic (1 per week)
GEDI Rapid access clinic (2 weekly)
Spasticity clinic (once a month)
Amputee Prosthetic clinic (once a month)

Consult Services: Orthogeriatrics Acute Geriatrics Geriatric and Rehabilitation Liaison Service GEDI	Domiciliary Assessment: NH visits (RaSS) HITH (Geriatric's) -15 beds
Outpatient Clinics/Day Hospital: Ambulatory day therapy program Amputee clinic once a month Spasticity clinic once a month	
Formal Training	
Lectures: Access to state-wide Geriatric Training Program Weekly GARSS CME Weekly Registrar teaching Weekly hyperacute stroke meeting Memory MDT meeting	Journal Club: Once a week
Grand Rounds: General medicine -Once a week Hospital- once a month	Consult Rounds: 4-5 days a week for acute 2-3 for Subacute (Rehab and GEMS)
Other Specialty Links: Palliative care Neurology	Protected time per week: Weekly education meetings
Information Infrastructure	
Library: Yes	IT: Yes Full access to internet, journals, and CKN
Research and Teaching: Departmental audit and research program- More than 90% of trainees had completed the College project during the first year in the program.	
Current and Recent Projects GARSS service evaluation project –under a \$25,000 pure land scholarship grant AusCR, Stroke 123 (multicenter involvement) Carer stress associated with Non motor Symptoms of PD Post stroke fatigability – prospective trial (in collaboration with USQ)	

Non-Motor Symptoms of PD- carer Burden

Quality Assurance:

Monthly Morbidity and Mortality Meeting
Participation in hospital-wide QA activities
Periodical meeting with hospital coding team

Current and Recent Projects

Periodical departmental audits- NG in Strokes, Stroke lysis, Catheters in elderly care, NH readmissions)

Trainee Responsibilities

Coverage Roster:

Participate in General medical roster 1 in 8 (weekend) -**ATs are excluded from the night roster.**
Stroke on call -(9 am-5 pm)- during stroke term

Ward responsibilities/workload:

8-15 inpatients acute or subacute patients with RMO and MDT

Consultations:

Acute geriatrics

Geriatric Liaison Service and Ortho geriatric Medicine Service provide an in-patient consultation service to Intensive care, Cardiology, Respiratory and Surgical services with Consultant Geriatrician support

Specialist Clinic coverage:

Memory clinic
Stroke/TIA clinic
General Geriatric clinic
Falls Clinic
Telehealth clinic

Domiciliary assessments/ACAT assessments:

Once a week NH visits (with the Consultant)
TCP residential care consults

Research/presentations:

Dedicated hospital research coordinator to support staff with ethics approval and statistics.
Departments annual research/Audit plan
Presentations at Journal club, grand rounds

Teaching responsibilities:

University of Queensland Rural Medical students, years 3-4, on attachments or electives.
Teaching at intern, basic trainee and Internal Medicine Service seminars.

Rotations available and opportunities for flexible training:

Requests for rotations to other medicine sub-specialties and flexible training arrangements will be considered.