

Toowoomba Hospital – Geriatric Medicine Service Description

RMO and Registrar Campaign

RMO CAMPAIGN 2024

Number of Elective Training Positions accredited: 6

24 months - 6 months maximum in each of - stroke; acute geriatric services, orthogeriatrics, Geriatric Emergency Department Intervention (GEDI) rehabilitation / acute geriatrics (St Vincents 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 Wijayaratne Geriatrician (Geriatrics and GIM) - Toowoomba Base

Dr Anna Taylor Geriatrician- Toowoomba Base

Dr Lindson Alapatt Geriatrician- Toowoomba Base

Dr Ken Ng Geriatrician -St Vincents Hospita)

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 GEM

15 Rehab (TBH) 16 (SVHT)

8 Stroke

10 Orthogeriatric (Orthopaedic Unit Joint Care)

8 Acute Geriatrics

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)

6 GEDI beds 15 Community Geriatric beds (HiTH CAC)	GEDI Rapid access clinic (2 weekly)
Consult Services: Orthogeriatrics Acute Geriatrics Geriatric and Rehabilitation Liaison Service GEDI	Domiciliary Assessment: NH visits Transitional care program 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: 5 days a week
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 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)

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
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.