

IPSWICH HOSPITAL

Geriatric Medicine Service Description

RMO CAMPAIGN 2025

Number of Training Positions accredited: 5 (note only 4 positions funded at present)

Duration of Training Accredited: 24 months (12 months core)

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Description of Service:

STAFF:

Dr Valerie Lim (0.7FTE) DPE – Site Director

Dr Maureen Runganga (0.6 FTE)

Dr Champa Ranasinghe (0.8FTE)

Dr Danusha De Alwis (0.7 FTE)

Dr Li Na Sam (0.8 FTE)

Dr Myitzu Khaing (0.5 FTE)

Dr Linson Alapatt (0.2 FTE)

Dr Jonathan Kao (0.8 FTE)

PROGRAM

OPERA (Acute Care and GEMS stream including BPSD management)

Orthogeriatric Service

Community care/outreach services:

HITH (Hospital in the home) and GEMHITH

GEDI/RaSS Service (Geriatric Emergency Department Intervention/RACF acute care support service)

Number/type of Geriatric Beds:

Acute Care of Elderly: 5-10

GEMS: 10-15

Orthogeriatrics: 4-8

HITH/GEMHITH: 8-15

Specialty Clinics:

Memory Clinic

General Geriatric Clinic

Multidisciplinary Continence Clinic

Home Visit Clinic

Telehealth Clinic

RACF Clinic

GEDI Clinic

Consult Services:

Domiciliary Assessment:

HITH/GEMHITH home assessments

ACAT MDT

General consult service to all hospital units esp. acute medicine, orthopaedics and older persons mental health unit	TCP MDT
Outpatient Clinics/Day Hospital: General Geriatrics	Planned future services: Geriatric Falls Clinic Expansion of GEMs ward to satellite hospital (Ripley)
Formal Training	
Lectures: Statewide geriatric medicine advanced training program weekly Medical unit education meetings x3/week Geriatric M&M quarterly Geriatric Complex Cases MDT quarterly AT Research Forum -4-6 sessions	Geriatric Journal Club: Fortnightly
Grand Rounds: Hospital Grand Rounds monthly	Consult Rounds: x3 per week
Other Specialty Links: Rehabilitation education program Older Persons Mental Health	Protected time per week: 2-4 hours
Information Infrastructure	
Library: Hospital library onsite, UQ library online	IT: Computer, office, internet access available
Research and Teaching: Participation in research is encouraged, monthly advanced trainee research forum	
Current and Recent Projects: Current project: Expansion of RACF Acute Support Service (RaSS), NOF registry, ADNet Registry	
Quality Assurance: Participation in audit activity is expected	
Trainee Responsibilities	
Coverage Roster: Weekdays – Geriatrician ward rounds and relevant consults	Ward responsibilities/workload: Approx 16 inpatients

<p>Weekends – Participation with Gen Med weekend roster</p>	
<p>Consultations: OPERA consultation service Case finding for GEMHITH Orthogeriatric Consultation service Geriatric consult for Older Persons Mental Health</p>	<p>Specialist Clinic coverage: 1-2 clinics per week</p>
<p>Domiciliary assessments/ACAT assessments: Domiciliary visits routine as part of HITH and RaSS rotations Attend ACAT and TCP case conferences weekly</p>	<p>Research/presentations: Presentation to medicine division approx every 3 months Opportunity to present at annual hospital research forum Medical and Geriatric journal club and M&M presentations</p>
<p>Teaching responsibilities: Year 3 and 4 MBBS students attached to unit (OPERA)</p>	<p>Rotations available and opportunities for flexible training: Training can be tailored to trainees needs and interests</p>