

IPSWICH HOSPITAL

Geriatric Medicine Service Description

RMO CAMPAIGN 2026

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 Maureen Runganga (0.6 FTE) DPE – Site Director

Dr Laurel Chan (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 (0.8 FTE)

Dr Linson Alapatt (0.2 FTE)

Dr Jonathan Kao (1 FTE)

PROGRAM

OPERA (Acute Care and GEMS stream including BPSD management)

Orthogeriatric Service

Community care/outreach services:

GEMHITH (Geriatric Evaluation, management and rehabilitation in the home)

RaSS/GOLD Service (RACF acute care support service /Geriatric Outreach)

Number/type of Geriatric Beds:

Acute Care of Elderly: 5-10

GEMS: 10-15

Orthogeriatrics: 6-10

GEMHITH: 8-15

Specialty Clinics:

Memory Clinic

General Geriatric Clinic

Multidisciplinary Continence Clinic

Home Visit Clinic

Telehealth Clinic

RACF Clinic

Geriatric Rapid Access Clinic

Consult Services:

General consult service to all hospital units esp. acute medicine, orthopaedics and older persons mental health unit

Domiciliary Assessment:

GEMHITH home assessments

Outpatient Clinics/Day Hospital: General Geriatrics and specialty clinics Ripley Satellite GEMS	Planned future services: Geriatric Falls Clinic Expansion of GEMS ward to satellite hospital (Ripley) Outreach clinics CAM unit
Formal Training	
Lectures: Statewide geriatric medicine advanced training program weekly Medical unit education meetings x3/week Medical M&M monthly Geriatric M&M quarterly	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 Research Unit Orthopaedics M&M quarterly	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, supportive hospital research department Current and Recent Projects: Current project: Expansion of RACF Acute Support Service (RaSS), Geriatric Outreach service (GOLD), 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

Weekends – Participation with Gen Med weekend roster	
Consultations: OPERA consultation service Case finding for GEMHITH Orthogeriatric Consultation service Geriatric consult for Older Persons Mental Health	Specialist Clinic coverage: 1-2 clinics per week
Domiciliary assessments/ACAT assessments: Domiciliary visits routine as part of GEMHITH and RaSS rotations	Research/presentations: Opportunity to present at hospital research forum Medical and Geriatric journal club, M&M and departmental presentations
Teaching responsibilities: Year 3 and 4 MBBS students attached to unit (OPERA) Ward in-service	Rotations available and opportunities for flexible training: Training can be tailored to trainee's needs and interests