

# QUEEN ELIZABETH II HOSPITAL

## GERIATRIC MEDICINE SERVICE DESCRIPTION

### RMO CAMPAIGN 2025

Number of Elective Training Positions accredited: Two

Duration of Training Accredited: 12 months

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### Description of Service

#### STAFF:

Dr Amanda Siller - Director Geriatrics and Rehabilitation, Visiting Geriatrician

Dr Jerry Wong - Staff Geriatrician

Dr Sin Wei Choy – Staff Geriatrician

Dr Alicia Wu – Staff Geriatrician

GARS Registrar

GARS Resident (usually a JHO or SHO)

Canossa Registrar

Canossa Resident (usually a JHO or SHO)

#### PROGRAM:

QEII is a 245 bed District hospital in the southern suburbs of Brisbane. The Hospital has busy General Medicine and General Surgery services and provides elective surgery including orthopaedics, urology, gynaecology and urogynaecology. The new Emergency Department opened in late 2013 and there is a 5 - 9 bed ICU with an innovative ICU outreach service.

The Geriatrics and Rehabilitation Service provides Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment and Rehabilitation for patients throughout the Hospital, particularly orthopaedic and acute Medical inpatients, as well as subacute care after surgery, fracture or illness. There is a strong commitment to stroke care with the Acute Stroke Unit incorporated into the service, providing comprehensive stroke care throughout acute, rehabilitation and outpatient phases of care. QEII is a thrombolysis capable facility however numbers are small. Endovascular Clot Retrieval is provided at nearby Princess Alexandra Hospital. The QEII GARS subacute inpatient unit is located at Canossa Private Hospital in Seventeen Mile Rocks, about 15 minutes drive from QEII.

There are two positions accredited for core training in Geriatric Medicine: QEII GARS Reg - acute stroke/orthogeriatrics/consultation liaison; Canossa Reg – subacute. Six months in each position provides a rounded experience.

#### Number/type of Geriatric Beds:

QEII - 11 beds ASU/GARS

Canossa - 24 beds subacute  
(GEMR HITH – 8 beds)

#### Specialty Clinics:

Geriatric Outpatients weekly.

- Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment including memory/cognitive, mobility, falls and pre-op assessments
- TIA

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Day Therapy rehabilitation assessment and review</li> </ul>
<p><b>Consult Services:</b> Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment and management advice is available to referred patients throughout the Hospital including a specific <b>Ortho-geriatrics service</b> for elderly orthopaedic patients in the peri-operative period.</p> <p>As well as assessment for rehabilitation potential, the Geriatric Service provides advice about complex discharge planning, management of delirium, cognitive assessment (dementia) or capacity issues.</p>	<p><b>Domiciliary Assessment:</b> Exposure to ACAT and TCP case conferencing can be arranged at trainees request where inpatient workload permits</p>
<p><b>Outpatient Clinics/Day Hospital:</b> As above The DTU provides multidisciplinary rehabilitation for outpatients, particularly recent stroke patients, referred from QEII GARS or other services. All patients are admitted under the care of a Consultant Geriatrician to manage ongoing medical problems and coordinate team decision making.</p>	
<b>Formal Training</b>	
<p><b>Lectures:</b> Queensland Geriatrics Advanced Trainee training program Videoconference weekly</p>	<p><b>Journal Club:</b> Medical teaching sessions twice a week (including Medical Journal Club) Weekly Radiology meeting</p>
<p><b>Grand Rounds:</b> GARS Multidisciplinary Forum monthly</p>	<p><b>Consult Rounds:</b> Consultant Ward Round 3-4 times week</p>
<p><b>Other Specialty Links:</b> Strong links with General Medicine, Intensive Care, Palliative Care</p>	<p><b>Protected time per week:</b> Geriatrics Advanced Trainee Videoconference</p>
<b>Information Infrastructure</b>	
<p><b>Library:</b> Full library facilities available at QEII.</p>	<p><b>IT:</b> Full access to internet, journals and CKN including UpToDate online</p>
<p><b>Research:</b> Supervision for advanced trainee projects is available.</p>	<p><b>Quality Assurance:</b> QEII GARS Safety and Quality meetings quarterly Monthly QEII Morbidity and Mortality meetings</p>
<b>Trainee Responsibilities</b>	
<p><b>Coverage Roster:</b> Participation in QEII Acute General Medicine</p>	<p><b>Ward responsibilities/workload:</b> 11 or 24 inpatients</p>

After Hours roster: 1 in 6 weekends	Acute stroke presentations to ED during hours
<b>Consultations:</b> The GARS Registrar is responsible for 6-8 orthogeriatric patients and 6-8 complex consultation liaison patients.	<b>Specialist Clinic coverage:</b> The GARS Registrar attends Geriatric/DTU outpatients weekly.
<b>Domiciliary assessments / ACAT assessments:</b> See above	<b>Research/presentations:</b> Presentation of a Geriatrics or stroke topic at medical teaching sessions every 5 to 6 weeks
<b>Teaching responsibilities:</b> Medical Students usually 3 <sup>rd</sup> year and occasionally 4 <sup>th</sup> year elective students Participation in teaching of nursing and allied health staff. Participation in medical teaching sessions as above.	<b>Rotations available and opportunities for flexible training:</b> Appointments at QEII are for 12 months however six month rotations through other Specialties can be negotiated when there is another trainee available to share. QEII has accredited positions in General Medicine, Palliative Care and Intensive care. Rotations through other Geriatric sites could also be considered.