

QUEEN ELIZABETH II HOSPITAL

GERIATRIC MEDICINE SERVICE DESCRIPTION

RMO CAMPAIGN 2026

Number of Elective Training Positions accredited: up to four

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

Dr Sarah Wood – Staff Geriatrician

Two Advanced Trainees, two BPT

Four RMO usually JHO

PROGRAM:

QEII is a rapidly growing 245 bed District hospital in the southern suburbs of Brisbane. The Geriatrics and Rehabilitation Service provides Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment and Rehabilitation for patients throughout the hospital with a strong emphasis on continuity of care. The acute stroke unit is embedded in the Geriatrics service. There are four positions accredited for core training in Geriatric Medicine. Six months in these positions is preferred.

Acute Geriatrics/Consultation Liaison/BeST

Acute Geriatric unit inpatients 12 beds

Geriatric Medicine consultation liaison

Geriatric Medicine support to the BeST team (multidisciplinary **B**ehaviour **S**upport **T**eam for patients with high-risk behaviour requiring advice or development of a behaviour support plan).

Stroke/Orthogeriatrics,

Acute stroke unit 5-12 inpatients

Code Stroke presentations to ED weekdays

Orthogeriatrics consultation service 6-10 patients

Canossa/subacute

24 beds, predominately Geriatric Rehabilitation

Geriatrics OPD at QEII weekly

HITH/GEMR HITH.

8 + 8 beds. Registrar covers both acute HITH and GEMR HITH.

Two Registrars share the roster to provide 7 day a week service, 0800 to 1800.

Weekends are 1:2 (days off during the week) Includes weekend General Medical admissions.	
Number/type of Geriatric Beds: Stroke/OG 5 to 12 inpatients Acute Geriatrics 12 beds Canossa - 24 beds subacute (HITH/GEMR HITH – 8 + 8 beds)	Specialty Clinics: Geriatric Outpatients weekly. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CGA including memory/cognitive, mobility, falls and pre-op assessments Stroke/TIA reviews Day Therapy rehabilitation assessment and review
Consult Services: <u>Geriatrics:</u> advice re complex discharge planning, management of delirium, cognitive diagnosis, decision making capacity, BeST or rehabilitation potential <u>Ortho-geriatrics</u> service for elderly orthopaedic patients in the peri-operative period (consultation only, not shared care)	Domiciliary Assessment: Rotation through HITH/GEMR HITH is available
Outpatient Clinics/Day Hospital: General Geriatrics OPD clinics as above. 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.	
Formal Training	
Lectures: Queensland Geriatrics Advanced Trainee training program Videoconference weekly	Journal Club: Medical teaching sessions twice a week (including Medical Journal Club) Weekly Radiology meeting
Grand Rounds: GARS Multidisciplinary Forum bi monthly	Consult Rounds: Consultant Ward Round 3-4 times week
Other Specialty Links: Strong links with General Medicine, Intensive Care, Palliative Care	Protected time per week: Geriatrics Advanced Trainee Videoconference
Information Infrastructure	
Library: Full library facilities available at QEII.	IT: Full access to internet, journals and CKN including UpToDate online

Research: Supervision for advanced trainee projects is available.	Quality Assurance: QEII GARS Safety and Quality meetings every two months QEII Medicine M&M monthly
Trainee Responsibilities	
Coverage Roster: QEII based Reg and RMO share Sat and Sun 0800 to 1200md, 1:5. Occasional participation in QEII Acute General Medicine After Hours roster may be required. Canossa Reg and RMO share Sat am 0800 to 1200md 1:2.	Ward responsibilities/workload: Depends on role.
Consultations: The GARS Registrar is responsible for 6-8 orthogeriatric patients and 6-8 complex consultation liaison patients.	Specialist Clinic coverage: The GARS Registrar attends Geriatric/DTU outpatients weekly.
Domiciliary assessments / ACAT assessments: Available through HITH/GEMR HITH rotation	Research/presentations: Presentation of a Geriatrics or stroke topic at medical teaching sessions every 5 to 6 weeks Presentation of cases at Medicine M&M meetings quarterly.
Teaching responsibilities: Medical Students usually 3 rd year and occasionally 4 th year elective students Participation in teaching of nursing and allied health staff. Participation in medical teaching sessions as above.	Rotations available and opportunities for flexible training: Appointments at QEII are for 12 months however six month rotations can be negotiated when there is another trainee available to share. Rotations through other Specialties can be considered: QEII has accredited positions in General Medicine, Palliative Care and Intensive care. Rotations through other Geriatric sites could also be considered.