

THE PRINCE CHARLES HOSPITAL

Geriatric Medicine Service Description

RMO CAMPAIGN 2025

Number of Core Training Positions accredited: 7= GEM, CAM, Community, Orthogeriatrics, RADAR, Acute care of elderly and 6-month rotation to geriatric medicine at Wesley Private Hospital

Number of Non-core Training Positions accredited: time spent in other departments (e.g. palliative care) may be considered

Maximum accredited duration permitted at this training site: 24 months (including core and non-core training time)

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Geriatricians:

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General Physicians: Dr Kathryn Colebourne, Dr Alaa Alghamry, Dr Kristy Rogan

PROGRAM

Internal Medicine Services at TPCH comprises geriatric services, general medicine rehabilitation and acute stroke:

Geriatric services are provided across the continuum of care and include Community Geriatrics, RADAR (RACF Outreach Assessment Service), ED inreach (FRAIL), Acute care of elderly, Geriatric Evaluation and Management (GEM), Cognitive Assessment and Management (CAM) unit, Hip Fracture Unit (provides orthogeriatric services in a unique shared-care model and provides a peri-operative medicine service to other surgical units). The Geriatric and Rehabilitation Liaison Service provides geriatric consult liaison service and assesses all referrals for subacute care.

General Medicine, (based on EMU and 1F) provides care for adult medical patients utilising an older person-friendly multi-disciplinary approach, with the support of a broad range of subspecialties, providing trainees with Acute Care of the Elderly exposure.

Rehabilitation service led by rehabilitation physicians provides acute inpatient rehabilitation services and ambulatory rehabilitation (Rehabilitation Day Therapy Unit).

Acute stroke unit (co-managed by stroke physicians and rehabilitation physicians).

Rotation to Wesley Private Hospital provides exposure to broad range of geriatric medicine - acute geriatrics, peri-operative consult liaison and ambulatory care.

Number/type of Geriatric Beds: 29 subacute beds → Rehabilitation and Geriatric Evaluation and Management (GEM) beds 13 Cognitive Assessment and Management (CAM) beds 16 Hip Fracture Unit beds	Specialty Clinics: Memory Clinic Older persons mental health (community) Neurology General Geriatric clinic
Hospital Consult Services: Geriatric ED in reach - FRAIL service Geriatric and Rehabilitation Liaison Service (GRLS), Outpatient Clinics/Day Hospital: Day Unit, Investigation and Therapy (DUIT) Rehabilitation Day Therapy Unit	Domiciliary Assessment: RACF in reach service - RADAR Community Geriatrics- community clinics, home visits, TCP
Formal Training	
Lectures: Access to state-wide Geriatric Medicine Advanced Training Program every Wednesday	
Grand Rounds: Weekly	Consult Rounds: Varies, minimum twice weekly
Other Specialty Links: Endocrinology, Palliative Care, Haematology, Gastroenterology, Neurology and Oncology.	Protected time: Weekly education meetings
Information Infrastructure	
Library: Yes	
Research: Internal Medicine Research Program (Clinical research with links to QBI) International Clinical Drug Trials	Quality Assurance: Monthly Morbidity and Mortality Meeting Participation in hospital-wide QA activities
Trainee Responsibilities	
Coverage Roster: Weekend (acute medicine) 1 in 4 (1 long shift + post take ward round) Weekend (subacute ward round) 1 in 6 (Saturday and Sunday mornings)	

<p>Consultations: 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</p>	<p>Specialist Clinic coverage: Specialty Clinics: Memory Neurology endocrinology Older Persons Mental Health</p>
<p>Domiciliary assessments / ACAT assessments: Community Geriatrics - Home visits RADAR - RACF in reach service</p>	<p>Research/presentations: Internal Medicine Research Program can provide support and guidance. GMAT - Monthly meetings with Senior research staff for research projects Presentations at Journal club, grand rounds TPCH Research Forum annually</p>
<p>Teaching responsibilities: University of Queensland Medical students, years 2-4, on attachments or electives. Teaching at intern, basic trainee and Internal Medicine Service seminars.</p>	<p>Rotations available and opportunities for flexible training: Requests for rotations to other medicine sub-specialties and flexible training arrangements may be considered.</p>