

REDCLIFFE HOSPITAL

Geriatric Medicine Service Description

RMO CAMPAIGN 2025

Number of Elective Training Positions accredited: Three

Duration of Training Accredited: Three positions, each accredited for one year of Core Training Registrars usually do two six-month terms. It may be possible to arrange three four-month terms.

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Description of Service:

STAFF:

Dr Bethlyn Gill, Staff Geriatrician, Acute Aged Care Unit, Residential Aged Care District Assessment and Referral Service (RADAR), including Residential Care Liaison Service and Emergency Department, Memory Clinic

Dr Sarah Ward: Staff Geriatrician, Redcliffe Rehabilitation Unit, Orthogeriatric Service, Memory Clinic.

PROGRAM:

Number/type of Geriatric Beds:

1. Geriatric Rehabilitation & Orthogeriatric Registrar

Redcliffe Rehabilitation Ward: 14 beds, general rehabilitation.

Orthogeriatric service: 10-20 beds

2. Residential Care Liaison Service

Works with Outreach Service nursing staff to review and assess residents of Aged Care facilities to avoid or shorten hospital admissions, and to assist with behaviour problems and End of Life care.

3. Acute Aged Care Unit (AACU)

12-15 inpatients, with complex medical problems, frailty, falls, delirium, social or carer stress, behavioural problems in dementia. Includes assessment of older patients in the Emergency Department.

Specialty Clinics:

Geriatric Rehabilitation & Orthogeriatric Registrar

Memory/ Geriatric Clinic: 1 clinic per week

RCLS registrar

Memory/ Geriatric Clinic: 1 Clinic per week

Acute Aged Care Unit Memory/ Geriatric Clinic: 1

Clinic per week

Consult Services:

-Geriatric Rehabilitation and Orthogeriatric Registrar: Support Clinical Nurse Consultant in

Domiciliary Assessment:

As requested by general practitioners, including residential care facilities. Opportunity for Indigenous Health care

Geriatric Rehabilitation and Liaison Service reviews. Acute Aged care Registrar will do consultations for capacity assessments, and transfer to AACU	
Outpatient Clinics/Day Hospital:	As above
Formal Training	
Lectures: Participation in weekly Statewide Geriatric Training Programme - by video conference or in person at The Prince Charles Hospital	Journal Club: Weekly General Medical Journal Club at Redcliffe Hospital. Geriatric trainees present as per roster. Geriatric Journal Club: weekly Memory clinic case discussion with neuropsychologist and consultants: weekly. Geriatric trainees present as per roster.
Grand Rounds: Redcliffe Hospital Grand Rounds: General Topics fortnightly	Consult Rounds: Redcliffe Rehabilitation Unit: two consultant rounds per week + multidisciplinary team meetings. Orthogeriatric Service two consultant rounds per week, and as required Acute Aged Care Unit: Daily consultant round.
Other Specialty Links:	Protected time per week: To be negotiated, but at least one afternoon
Information Infrastructure	
Library: Redcliffe hospital has an education centre with a library and videoconferencing facilities	IT: Usual Queensland Health resources
<p>Research and Teaching: Director of Research, Redcliffe Hospital can provide support for projects</p> <p>Current and Recent Projects</p> <p>Quality Assurance: participation in Medical Service Improvement Group</p> <p>Current and Recent Projects: CT scans after falls Transfers of patients from nursing home to hospital. Memory clinic – new referrals – services and hospital admissions. Review of GEDI patients.</p>	

Trainee Responsibilities

Coverage Roster: After hours general medical registrar roster, Redcliffe Hospital: approximately two days per three-month term	Ward responsibilities/workload: Rehabilitation Registrar: Care of 14 inpatient rehabilitation patients, with supervision of one junior medical officer Orthogeriatric service (10-20 beds) RCLS registrar: outreach service to patients in RACF's Acute Aged Care Unit: care of 12-15 acutely unwell or complex frail older patients,
Consultations: To be discussed with trainee, depending on training needs - referrals are currently done by the Geriatric and Rehabilitation Liaison Nurse, but the trainee could be involved	Specialist Clinic coverage: Participation in One Outpatient Memory Clinic per week.
Domiciliary assessments/ACAT assessments: As requested by general practitioners, including residential care facilities,	Research/presentations: As per College requirements
Teaching responsibilities: Junior medical staff, medical students, lectures as requested by Redcliffe	Rotations available and opportunities for flexible training: There is potential for 2-4 half time jobs - to be negotiated