

Position Description

Position Title	Paediatric Intensive Care Registrar		
Unit / Branch	Paediatric Intensive Care		
Classification	HM25-HM30 As per award	Employment Status	Full Time
Position reports to	Director of PICU		
Location	The Royal Children's Hospital, Flemington Road, Parkville		
Position Contact	Director of PICU, Thomas Rozen		

The Royal Children's Hospital

The Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) provides secondary and tertiary care to children and young people across the northern and western suburbs; specialist paediatric healthcare to the children of Victoria, Tasmania, southern NSW and parts of South Australia; and is the designated statewide provider of services including paediatric trauma, rehabilitation and forensic medicine. As a quaternary centre for complex cardiac surgery and organ transplantation, the RCH cares for the sickest children from around Australia.

Further information on RCH is available at www.rch.org.au

ROLE PURPOSE

The aim of the training program is to allow the PICU Registrar to become conversant in all aspects of modern Intensive Care Medicine including Cardiac ICU, General ICU, Transport of sick children (PIPER) and Outreach (MET) intensive care. The PICU Registrar plays a key role in all of these clinical activities

REGISTRAR POSITIONS

- 1) Junior - an all-inclusive year rotating through all sections of PICU (6-12 months).
- 2) Junior - a focussed 6-12 months on GICU and PIPER-Paediatrics (transport and retrieval)
- 3) Senior - an all-inclusive year rotating through all sections of PICU (6-12 months).
- 4) Senior - a focussed 6-12 months on GICU and PIPER-Paediatrics (transport and retrieval)
- 5) Senior - a focussed 6-12 months on CICU and ECMO
- 6) Fellow - a junior Consultant position only eligible after 6 months PICU and CICM or equivalent (appointed from SR pool)

KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES

- Registrars are primarily responsible for the day to day care of patients in the Intensive Care Unit, and are accountable to the Director of Intensive Care through the Intensive Care Specialists for all matters concerning the Unit.
- PICU is physically split into 2 areas – Cardiac and General. Registrars are rostered specifically to an area. There is also a dedicated Outreach Registrar and a dedicated PIPER-Paediatric Registrar who attend retrievals including stabilisation and management offsite and intrahospital transport.
- Registrars are required to attend MET calls (Medical Emergency Team). When attending resuscitation calls, it may be necessary for the Registrar to undertake advanced paediatric life support including establishing an artificial airway and performing mechanical ventilation. The Registrar should be prepared to oversee cardiac massage and drug therapy.
- PIPER-Paediatrics – the Paediatric Emergency Transport Service. Registrars are rostered to retrieve patients from referring hospitals and assist in the stabilization of the child and then transport them to RCH or another hospital. Occasionally trips may include interstate ECMO cannulation & transport, or support of an RCH PICU patient while they receive a highly specialised intervention off-site (e.g. hyperbaric oxygen or radiotherapy).
- Non clinical: All registrars are also expected to undertake a non-clinical project during their time with us. It could be a research project, completion of a clinical care protocol, teaching responsibility, or presentation in any of the many departmental meetings (Cardiac M&M, General M&M, Cardiac arrest review, Coroner’s case review, ECMO case review, Complex case review, Ethics discussions etc..),. Depending on the nature of the work they will be supervised by a consultant, mentor or senior registrar

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Junior Registrar

- MBBS or equivalent from a recognised University
- At least 4 years medical experience

Senior Registrar

- MBBS or equivalent from a recognised University and in final training stages for a specialist degree (Intensive Care, Anaesthetics etc)
- At least 6 years medical experience.

All Registrars must be qualified in advanced paediatric life support (APLS) prior to commencement in PICU.

KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

- Registrable in the State of Victoria as a medical practitioner
- Careful, caring and conscientious approach
- Demonstrate an ability to communicate well in English
- “can do” and flexible approach
- Balancing sometimes competing and conflicting priorities
- Professional demeanour

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- All employees are required to adhere to the Royal Children’s Hospital Values:
- Unity - We work as a team and in partnership with our communities
- Respect - We respect the rights of all and treat people the way we would like them to treat us

- Integrity - We believe that how we work is as important as the work we do
- Excellence - We are committed to achieving our goals and improving outcomes

Potential employees will be required to undertake a National Criminal Record Check and a Working With Children Check.

QUALITY, SAFETY AND IMPROVEMENT

RCH Employees are required to:

- Act in accordance and comply with all relevant Safety and Quality policies and procedures
- Participate in and contribute to quality improvement programs and commit to RCH Values
- Comply with the Requirements of the National Safety & Quality Health Service Standards
- Comply with all relevant clinical and/or competency standards
- Comply with the principles of Patient and Family Centred Care that relate to this position

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