

Training Program in Basic Post-Graduate Medicine

The aim of the Training Program in Basic Post-Graduate Medicine is to assist Junior Medical Officers (JMO's) at Liverpool Hospital to meet the standard in knowledge, skills and attitude required to complete successfully the Part I examination of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians. Success in the Part I examination implies that the JMO has a broad command of the principles underlying the practice of Internal Medicine, and is competent to undertake sub-specialisation in Internal Medicine.

The format of the Training Program is mixed. It consists of a number of elements:

- a) On-the-job training in rotating terms in Internal Medicine
- b) Didactic training sessions
- c) Medical Grand Rounds - Formal case presentations combined with didactic presentations in a seminar format
- d) Practice in clinical examination techniques - long and short case practice
- e) Sub-specialty seminars and teaching sessions

On-the-Job Training

JMO's training in Basic Post-Graduate Medicine work through a series of terms in sub-specialties in Internal Medicine. Opportunities for assuming responsibility for the care of the patient occur depending on the experience and level of competence of the individual JMO. The major teacher in this situation is the Attending Medical Specialist who is a qualified physician. Teaching occurs through contact with the Attending Medical Specialist on ward rounds. The teaching is clinically focused and predominantly occurs at the bedside of the patient. Sensitivity is required from all participants to ensure that the patient's rights and dignity are respected while allowing teaching to occur. The Attending Medical Specialist's aim in these teaching sessions is to ensure that the teaching experience is perceived as valuable by the JMO.

When undergraduate students are also present, briefing sessions prior to contact with patients and debriefing sessions after contact may be undertaken.

Didactic Training Sessions - Thursday Afternoon Teaching Session

These are held every Thursday afternoon following Medical Grand Rounds. They follow a repeating cycle. The information given is designed primarily to assist candidates sitting for the written Examination of the RACP, but should be of general value to all JMO's regardless of their career aspirations.

The focus of the RACP examination is basic and clinical science underlying the practice of Internal Medicine.

The teaching sessions are organised by the Director of Physician Training (See appendix) at Liverpool Hospital. Lecturers are drawn predominantly from the ranks of physicians employed by the South Western Sydney Area Health Service. Some sessions are provided by physicians working elsewhere in Sydney who are noted for their expertise in a particular subject of relevance to basic training in Internal Medicine.

All JMO's working in medical terms and medical students are welcome to attend these teaching sessions. Medical staff working on rotation terms should attend the sessions. The normal work pattern for medical staff has been modified on Thursday afternoons to allow for this attendance at the Teaching Sessions. The medical cover for the General Medical wards during Thursday afternoon follows the pattern of cover on weekends. The medical registrar on for the day and a ward senior provide cover for the other registrars, residents and interns.

Registrars from other Hospitals are invited to attend. There is an expectation that the registrars on rotation to Hospitals in SWSAHS attend the Thursday afternoon sessions. Arrangements for cover have been made at these Hospitals to allow attendance.

Medical Grand Rounds

Medical Grand Rounds are held every Thursday afternoon from 1.00pm to 2.00pm. A light lunch is served before Grand Rounds, starting at 12.30pm. All Hospital staff is invited to attend. All registrars, residents, interns, and students attached to the Division of Medicine should attend Medical Grand Rounds.

The general format of Medical Grand Rounds is that of a clinicopathological case presentation and discussion. The case is presented by a registrar, and the discussion is then lead by the specialist responsible for the case. The registrar may be asked to provide a didactic presentation as part of the discussion. Comments may be invited from other specialists, and such specialists should be forewarned of the topic to be discussed and likely questions.

Special audiovisual requirements for presentations should be brought to the attention of the Grand Rounds committee (See appendix) at the earliest opportunity.

A Grand Rounds Program is issued at the start of each calendar year. The topics are also available as part of the regular bulletins issued by the Hospital Post-graduate Training secretariat.

Practice in Techniques of Clinical Examination

Long and short case practice are held every Saturday morning commencing at 8.00 am. The venue should be ascertained from the Director of Physician Training or the Senior Medical Registrar. The practice session commences with long case presentations and is followed by short case practice. Preference in practice opportunity is given to candidates sitting for the clinical examination, especially in the weeks before the examination. Practice is supervised by two senior staff of the Division on a roster basis.

Candidates sitting for examinations are advised to arrange practice sessions with senior staff in addition to the Saturday morning sessions.

Sub-specialty Seminars and Training Sessions

A program of events is available from Hospital Post-graduate Training secretariat.

CARDIOLOGY

Dr Andrew Hopkins
Director
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The Cardiology Program is held on Friday mornings in the Cardiology Department at 8.00 am.

DERMATOLOGY

Dr Geoff Cains
Acting Director
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The Dermatology Department conducts monthly Clinical meetings in the Dermatology Centre.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL

Dr Gilbert Whitton
Director
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Drug and Alcohol conducts Team meetings - Clinical Case Discussions on Mondays in the Drug and Alcohol Centre, and Methadone Unit Team meetings on Thursdays in Jacaranda House.

ENDOCRINOLOGY

A/Prof Stephen Lillioja

Director

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The Diabetes Centre currently holds Inservice Training and a Business meeting on Tuesdays in the Diabetes Centre and also a Journal Club on the 1st Monday of alternate months in the Education Centre. Clinical teaching of 4th year students is held on Thursday afternoons.

GERIATRIC MEDICINE

Dr David Conforti

Director

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Rehabilitation and Geriatrics conduct a Journal Club on the 1st Wednesday of the month, a Research Meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the month and weekly sessions on Advanced Training in Geriatrics and Advanced Training in Rehabilitation Medicine.

HAEMATOLOGY

Dr David Rosenfeld

Director

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Haematology have 'open' ward rounds on Mon/Wed/Frid at 1.30pm in Grimson Ground East. Fortnightly combined lymphoma meetings are held in the SWAPS conference room. Regular molecular biology research meetings and ante-natal antibody meetings are also held. Monthly meetings of Bone marrow transplant planning are held in addition to the CTC combined Journal Club every Wednesday at 8.00am.

IMMUNOLOGY

Dr John Quin

Director

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There is a combined Dermatology/Rheumatology/Immunology meeting held on the 3rd Friday of the month at 1.00pm – 2.00pm. Meetings are held in the Dermatology Seminar Room and consist of clinical cases with patients in attendance to demonstrate the signs.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

A/Professor Rosemary Munro

Director

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Tutorials and Clinical meetings are conducted through South Western Area Pathology Service.

NEUROLOGY

Dr Suzanne Hodgkinson

Director

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Neurology Review meeting held on Tuesdays at 2.00 – 3.00pm. Clinical Meetings (alternating pathology, clinical cases, journal club, lectures) are held on Tuesdays at 3.00 – 4.00pm. EEG Review session/Epilepsy teaching held on Wednesdays at 12.00 – 1.00pm.

NUCLEAR MEDICINE

Dr John Chu

Director

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Scan Review meetings are held every Thursday in the Nuclear Medicine Reporting Room between 4.00-5.00pm.

REHABILITATION MEDICINE

Dr Friedbert Kohler

Director

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Education sessions are held weekly.

RENAL MEDICINE

Dr Michael Suranyi

Director

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The Renal Department conducts weekly meetings each Wednesday (Patient Review Meeting on the 1st Wednesday of each month) at 12.30pm – 1.15pm.

RESPIRATORY MEDICINE

Dr Guy Marks

Staff Specialist

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The following activities relevant to post-graduate trainees are available in Department of Respiratory Medicine.

1. Department meeting, Mondays 12.30-1.30pm in the Education Centre
 - Research presentations; 1st Monday of the month
 - Clinical case presentation and literature review; 2nd Monday of the month
 - Lung function/pulmonary physiology presentation; 4th Monday of the month
2. Tuberculosis unit round, Chest Clinic, alternate Mondays at 5.00pm
3. Lung oncology meeting, Cancer Therapy Centre, alternate Wednesdays at 5.00pm

Interested trainees are also welcome to attend:

1. The Unit Inpatient Round on Thursdays at 11.00am – 12.30pm in the Radiology Seminar Room, and
2. The Asthma Clinic, Mondays at 1.30pm – 5.00pm.

SEXUAL HEALTH

Dr John Quin

Director

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HIV and Sexual Health Services conduct Lectures on the 1st Monday of each month and Journal Club or Case Study Presentations on the 3rd Monday of each month in the Sexual Health Clinic.

Appendix

DIRECTOR OF PHYSICIAN TRAINING

Dr Ken Howlin

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The Director of Physician Training is responsible for ensuring that each trainee has a comprehensive training program. The Director acts as a mentor for the trainee and provides advice on training and career options. The Director liaises with the RACP about training issues and examinations, and can provide up-to-date information on the examination. There are two staff of the hospital who serve on the RACP examination committee. They provide advice to the Director on curriculum and training.

SENIOR MEDICAL REGISTRAR

The Senior Medical Registrar is responsible for day to day supervision of registrars, assisting in clinical and administrative and educational matters. The Senior Medical Registrar is responsible for rosters, rotations and other work issues – reporting to the Deputy Director of the Division of Medicine.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

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LIBRARY

The Ken Merten Library is situated near the Level One entry to the Auditorium in the Education Building. Services and facilities include loan of materials (excluding journals), access to Medline and the Internet, photocopiers (both colour and black/white), literature searches and interlibrary loans. Lounge and individual study areas are provided, and group rooms may be booked for meeting and tutorials. A South Western Sydney Area Health Service Library card will be issued on completion of a registration form. Access is then available to all libraries in the SWSAHS network.

Hours are generally 8.00am to 6.00pm, 8.00am to 8.00pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 8.30am to 5.00pm over the Christmas period.

