REHABILITATION MEDICINE TRAINING SITE INFORMATION

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| **TRAINING SITE: Albury Wodonga Health** | |
| ***Head of Unit : Dr Michael Njovu***    ***Contact Details: Di Ferguson, Rehabilitation Medicine Dept. Secretary 02 6051 7455 or Dr Michael Njovu, Director Rehabilitation Medicine Department, mobile telephone number 0429 457 609*** | Number of Training Positions:  One  Duration of Training Accredited:  March 2018 to February 2020  Date of Most Recent Survey:  December 2018  Date of Next Survey: by  September 2019 |
| **DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE** | |
| STAFF (Consultants, Junior Medical Staff):  2Full time Staff Consultant Rehabilitation Medicine Physicians supported by a Trainee Rehabilitation Medicine Registrar, an intern or RMO, Allied Health and Nursing Staff.  PROGRAM: The Albury Wodonga Health (AWH) Rehabilitation Service is located at the Wodonga Hospital Campus which is the designated future location of all AWH subacute services. We have 20 beds and we are a general rehabilitation service with strong bias for stroke and neurological rehabilitation. Apart from running General, MS and Spasticity Clinics we also provide an amputee service which is run off campus at the Albury Prosthetics and Orthotics Service. Our training program is intensive and provides a one-on-one learning experience and teaching interaction with our Consultants. We ensure that our Trainee Registrar acquires the skills of intrathecal Baclofen Pump management, Botulinum toxin and intraarticular steroid injections during the tenure of their posting at our hospital. Registrars in this position have half the day on Wednesdays as study time.  We have a Combined Clinical and Journal Club Meeting the second Wednesday of the month. We have a Rehab Physician Comprehensive Case Review meeting for new patients every Thursday and this can be of educational value to the Registrar. Our Registrar runs a patient and family stroke educational session every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month using a pre-prepared power point presentation. The benefit to the Registrar doing the talk is that they learn how to communicate with families and patients about stroke issues without using medical terminology. A Registrar tutorial is held on Fridays for an hour. The Rehabilitation Medicine Department participates in clinical presentations at the hospital grand rounds on a three monthly basis. The Physician group has their own other teaching sessions like Radiology Meetings which our Registrar is welcome to attend and participate at. | |
| **DEMOGRAPHICS** | |
| Number/type of Rehab Beds:  20 Rehabilitation beds  10 GEM beds---has a separate Registrar (Geriatrics) | Specialty Clinics:  1). Multiple Sclerosis  2). Spasticity Clinic  3). Prosthetics and Orthotics |
| Consult Services:  General Outpatient Clinic | Domiciliary Assessment:  ACAS—Team not hospital co-located |
| **FORMAL TRAINING** | |
| Lectures / Trainee Tutorials:  Registrar tutorial every Friday for an hour  Hospital Radiology Meetings | Journal Club:  Combined Clinical and Journal Club Meeting every second Wednesday of the month. |
| Grand Rounds:  Wednesday every week.  Combined Rehabilitation Teaching Ward Round (two Consultants) every second Thursday. | Consult Rounds:  Following a satisfactory training period, the Registrar does the daily assessment of patients referred to our department. Each case is discussed with the Consultants. Consults occur at both the Wodonga and Albury Hospital campuses |
| Other Specialty Links:  Interested Registrars have access to Neurology EMG and nerve conduction studies clinics in Neurology rooms | Protected time per week:  Half day every Wednesday |
| **INFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURE** | |
| Library:  Good library located at Albury Hospital has a reasonably good but small range of Allied Health and Rehabilitation Medicine textbooks and journals which include the De Lisa textbook and Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. The Registrar has an office and computer and can access a very wide range of textbooks and journals on CIAP. | IT:  The Registrar has their own office which is not shared with anyone else and the office has a computer. The Registrar also has an email address. The computer provides access to the intranet, internet and a wide range of information. |
| Research: We currently are not undertaking any ay research projects but are behind the scenes working on suitable projects | Quality Assurance: Our service participates in Quality activities and there is a regular Clinical Communications Committee Meeting on which one of the Rehabilitation Consultants sits. All Registrars would be encouraged to participate in quality assurance activities as they arise. |
| **TRAINEE RESPONSIBILITIES** |  |
| Positions Available: ONE  The Registrar is responsible for the day to day care of all Rehabilitation Medicine patients in our 20 beds. The Registrar reports to the Consultant. He or she also works with and guides the junior staff, intern or RMO. The Registrar also assesses the patients referred to our department.  The Registrar also attends the MS, Spasticity, General and Prosthetics and Orthotics Clinics. |  |
| Ward responsibilities/workload:  The position at Wodonga Hospital has no on-call duties. Work starts at 08.30hrs and finishes at 1700hrs. |  |
| He ward caters for 20 rehabilitation patients | Specialist Clinic coverage:  1-2 clinics per week |
| Domiciliary assessments / ACAT assessments:  None | Research/presentations:  Currently not doing any research projects but Registrar encouraged to. Regular presentations on a three monthly basis at grand rounds. Two weekly stroke education power point presentation to stroke patients and their families. May be required to present at other clinical meetings and in-service training forum. |
| Teaching responsibilities:  Teaching medical students, interns, RMOs Allied Health and Nursing staff. | Rotations available and opportunities for flexible training:  The position at Wodonga Hospital is currently not part of a Training Consortium or Network in Melbourne. |