



Joint Appointment Consultant – Paediatric and Adult - Cardiothoracic Surgery

Position details

Position Number:	00012731
Classification:	SMP Year 1-9
Agreement:	Medical Practitioners (Metropolitan Health Services) Agreement
Division/Service:	Child and Adolescent Health Service Service 1: Cardiothoracic Surgery and Transplantation (FSH)
Organisational unit:	Surgery / Cardiothoracic Surgery
Location:	Perth Children's Hospital (QEII Nedlands)
Location:	Fiona Stanley Hospital (Murdoch>)

Reporting relationships

This position reports to:

00012729 Heads of Department Cardiothoracic Surgery (PCH and FSH) SMP Year 1-9

Positions under direct supervision:

Key Responsibility

To undertake cardiothoracic surgery on children, adolescents and adult, and to provide cardiac surgical management of all aspects of congenital and acquired heart disease in children, adolescents and adult.

About our health service

The Child and Adolescent Health Service (CAHS) is a comprehensive service that supports and treats children from around Western Australia, and is committed to programs that promote lifelong health in children and adolescents.

CAHS is made up of four service streams:

- **Neonatology:** Neonatology provides state-wide tertiary neonatal services to the sickest newborn babies and infants in Western Australia.
- **Community Health:** a comprehensive range of community based early identification and intervention services, as well as health promotion, to children and families in the Perth metropolitan area. Services are provided in a variety of settings including at home, local community health centres, child and parent centres and schools.
- **Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS):** provide mental health services to infants, children, young people and their families across the Perth metropolitan area. Services include community based programs, inpatient care at Perth Children's Hospital and specialised services for children with complex mental health conditions across the State.
- **Perth Children's Hospital (PCH):** is the specialist State-wide paediatric hospital and trauma centre for Western Australia, caring for children up to the age of 16. PCH is also a centre of excellence for teaching and research, partnering in major paediatric research and education initiatives led by the Telethon Kids Institute (TKI) and the State's universities.

Our vision

Healthy kids, healthy communities

Our vision of 'healthy kids, healthy communities' sees that children and young people get the best start in life through health promotion, early identification and intervention and patient centred, family-focused care.

Our objectives



Care for children, young people and families



Provide high-value healthcare



Collaborate with our key support partners



Value and respect our people



Promote teaching, training and research

Our values drive us

CAHS promotes a values based workplace culture and all employees are expected to translate our values into action by providing high quality care through:

Compassion

I treat others with empathy and kindness

Excellence

I take pride in what I do, strive to learn and ensure exceptional service every time

Collaboration

I work together with others to learn and continuously improve our service

Accountability

I take responsibility for my actions and do what I say I will

Equity

I am inclusive, respect diversity and aim to overcome disadvantage

Respect

I value others and treat others as I wish to be treated

Summary of accountabilities

1. Clinical

- Provides a joint paediatric and adult (congenital and acquired) cardiothoracic heart disease surgery service.
- Provides appropriate cardiothoracic surgical management of all aspects of congenital and acquired heart disease in children, adolescent and adult including MCS and heart transplantation.
- Provides appropriate cardiothoracic surgical management of all aspects of adult (congenital and acquired, scope of spectrum to be tailored and developed to the applicants interest and departments needs)_heart disease (to be undertaken at Fiona Stanley Hospital).
- Participates in the paediatric ECMO service.
- Provides assessment of new patients and of follow-up patients at outpatient clinics.
- Undertakes clinical shifts in the Department at the direction of the Clinical Director/Heads of Departments including participation on the on-call/afterhours/weekend roster at PCH.
- Accepts appropriate referrals from doctors external and internal to PCH and FSH.
- Contribute to data collection related to cardiac surgery for departmental audit in established international paediatric (PCH) and adult (FSH) scardiac databases.
- Organise the inpatient and outpatient management of cardiac surgical patients.
- Ensures clinical safety in all practices.
- Participate in weekly cardiology/cardiac surgery multidisciplinary planning and review meetings and assist in effecting the clinical pathway chosen for patients requiring cardiac surgery.
- Takes a leadership and mentoring role for doctors in training and others within the Departments.
- Clinically reviews or assess patients within 24 hours of admission when on-call or admitted under their care.
- Conducts regular clinical review of patients at appropriate intervals with doctors in training with a focus on discharge planning, ensuring that the medical record (including discharge summaries) is accurately up dated after review of each patient.
- Conducts clinical review and clinical management of patients referred to outpatient services.
- Support and liaises with patients, carers, colleagues, nursing, allied health, support staff, external agencies and the private sector to provide coordinated multidisciplinary care.
- Provides medical reports and undertakes other administrative/management tasks as required.
- Participates in departmental and other meetings as required to meet organisational and service objectives.



- Participates in relevant clinical governance committees including regular clinical reviews, Root Cause Analysis (RCA) and morbidity/mortality reviews as required.
- Attends to medico legal issues that arise concerning patients that have been under their care and advises the Head of Department about complaints they receive pertaining to themselves or other doctors.

2. Education/Training/Research

- Engages in continuing professional development/education and ensures continuous eligibility for relevant specialist medical registration.
- Participates in regular peer review and case review meetings.
- Develops and participates in clinical research activities relevant to speciality.
- Participates and assists in the continued medical educational activities of medical students, doctors in training, non-specialist medical officers, visiting medical practitioners, nurses and other health workers (including formal presentations and/or tutorials as required).

3. CAHS governance, integrity, safety and quality requirements

- Commits to undertake the duties of the role in accordance with the WA Health Code of Conduct; the CAHS and FSH Vision and Values; and CAHS/FSH commitment to protecting children and promoting their safety.
- Maintains a safe work environment by taking reasonable care for own health and safety and that of others.
- Ensures as far as practicable, the provision of a safe working environment in consultation with employees under their supervision.
- Undertakes duties to an agreed performance standard to support safe, high-quality health care with a focus on continual improvement, efficiency, effectiveness and sustainability.
- Directly or indirectly supports the delivery of safe patient care and the consumers' experience ensuring services are family centred.
- Contributes to continuous quality improvement activities by identifying, facilitating or participating in practices in accordance with the requirements of the National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards, health service strategic direction and the WA Public Sector.
- Completes mandatory and core requirement training as relevant to the role and service.
- Performs duties in accordance with WA Public Sector, WA Health, CAHS, FSH and other specific service policies and procedures and applicable legislative obligations under *Public Sector Management Act (WA) 1994*, *Health Services Act (WA) 2016*, *Occupational Safety and Health Act (WA) 1984*, *Disability Services Act (WA) 1993* and the *Equal Opportunity Act (WA) 1984*.
- Actively contributes to the development of the health service by undertaking other duties as directed including additional tasks or projects in line with continual improvement, collaboration and sustainable health initiatives.



Work related requirements

The following criteria should be considered in the context of the CAHS Vision, Objectives and Values.

Essential selection criteria

1. Eligible for registration by the Medical Board of Australia and Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons or equivalent that is recognised for registration as a specialist cardiothoracic surgeon with the Medical Board of Australia.
2. Demonstrated postgraduate experience and training in all aspects of both paediatric and adult cardiothoracic surgery.
3. At least one, preferable two years of sub-specialty training in paediatric cardiac surgery in recognised paediatric cardiac unit(s).
4. Experience in heart transplantation and retrieval as well as MCS in an established TX /MCS unit.
5. Demonstrated ability to manage surgically a wide range of neonatal and paediatric and adult cardiac conditions, including:
 - Current experience in the postoperative management of paediatric and adult cardiac surgical problems
 - Experience in the surgical management of adolescent and adult congenital and acquired heart disease
 - Experience in the extensive and contemporary use of Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) and other mechanical assist device technologies (Left Ventricular Assist Device, LVAD).
 - Ability to undertake all aspects of this surgery independently is essential. The provision of recent (the last three to five years) independent outcome audit data of the applicant's surgery, as compared to peer reference groups, is highly desirable.
6. Demonstrated experience and commitment to clinical teaching and clinical research.
7. Demonstrated high level interpersonal, negotiation and conflict resolution skills with an ability to liaise effectively with patients, individuals and the multidisciplinary team.
8. Demonstrated high level written and verbal communication skills.
9. Current knowledge of legislative obligations for Equal Opportunity, Disability Services and Occupational Safety and Health, and how these impact on employment and service delivery.

Desirable selection criteria

1. Post final fellowship subspecialty or academic training or qualifications.
2. Interest in chest wall pathology and it's management.
3. Overseas and/or interstate experience.



Appointment to this position is subject to the following:

- Evidence of registration by the Medical Board of Australia must be provided prior to commencement.
- Working With Children (WWC) Check, compulsory check for people who carry out child-related work in Western Australia.
- Provision of the minimum identity proofing requirements in line with the standards set by the National Security Strategy.
- Successful criminal record screening clearance.
- Successful pre-employment integrity check.
- Successful pre-employment health assessment.

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