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HOSPITAL



Adult  
Emergency  
Drop Off  
Right Lane

# Thinking of Emergency Medicine?

Critical Care Information Session

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# Why a career in emergency medicine?

- Incredible variety
- Large and wonderful team
- Flexible and family friendly
- Hands-on
  - Procedures, airway, ultrasound
- Flexible problem-solving-incomplete information
- Bridge between community and hospital

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# What skills do emergency physicians have?

- Love challenges, teamwork and variety
- Knowledge to manage full spectrum of physical and behavioural emergencies for patients of all ages
- Decisive and can problem solve and handle interruptions
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Wide range of procedural and resuscitation skills
- Lead teams to provide urgent patient care
- We are FUN and don't take ourselves too seriously whilst still aiming to maintain the best standards of care



# Emergency Medicine at POW



AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE  
FOR EMERGENCY MEDICINE

- **SRMO positions**

- Year tailored to your interests – expect ED x3 and 2 secondments
- Variety of secondments available
- Highlight to us if you're looking to apply for training as an SRMO (helps application, affects term allocations)

- **To be eligible for training**

- Applications open May and August
- Must have general registration
- 6 months (or 26 weeks) in a single ED in previous 12 months

# Training Program

Structured minimum five-year training program;

- Completion of four Training Stages comprising:
  - Minimum 42 FTE months training in emergency medicine
  - Minimum 6 FTE months training in disciplines other than emergency medicine
  - Minimum 6 FTE months training in Critical Care (intensive care medicine and/or anaesthesia)
  - Minimum 6 FTE months elective in the final training stage.

# Exams/Assessments

- Progress from stage 1 to stage 2
  - 12 months in ED
  - Complete primary exam
    - Written & Viva
- WBAs
- Research project- project or coursework
- To become a FACEM
  - Time complete
  - Fellowship exam
    - Written and osce



# Why work at POWH?

- Great team- over 60 Registrars and SRMOs
- Flexibility in rostering
- 4 hours protected teaching weekly- SIM procedures courses and focussed sessions
- Additional primary and fellowship teaching
- 24 months accreditation in POWH ED for training and lots of secondment opportunities
- Well supervised
- SRMO support: Nicola Brady
- Special skills at POWH: tox, US, research



# Emergency Medicine Is a Flexible Life

- Emergency Medicine
  - Tertiary to peripheral
  - Work all over Australia
  - International EM
- Teaching/ training/ Admin
  - ACEM
  - DPET/ DEMA
  - Policy
  - Academia/ Online EM
- Subspecialty/ special interest
  - Toxicology
  - Retrieval
  - Resuscitation
  - Point of care ultrasound
  - Medicolegal advisors
  - Doctors without borders



# The challenges

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- Fatigue: shift work and weekends
- Work can be demanding and at times thankless
- Stressful environment
- Level of uncertainty that can be uncomfortable with multiple undifferentiated patients
- Working environment subject to external pressures
  - Beds/ crowding / access block
  - Policy environment
  - Staff fluctuations



# That said....

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- Every shift finishes and you go home...
- Extremely fulfilling and rewarding once you find ways to manage these challenges



If you are interested  
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further

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