

Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital

Dr Alan Gale, Director of Clinical Training

Greetings, I'm Alan Gale and I'm the Director of Clinical Training at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital and I'd like to encourage you to apply for your junior doctor training at our institution.

The Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital has the most comprehensive availability of medical services, of clinical services. It's the largest hospital in Queensland and almost every imaginable specialty is represented by a high class and high volume unit so that the training opportunities are really very extensive and very great.

One of the greatest contributions to your learning as junior doctors in the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital is that we have a full time staffed Medical Education Unit. That involved myself as the full-time Director of Clinical Training and four Medical Education Officers, all of whom are highly trained in medical education and who will not only act to facilitate your learning, to give you career advice towards the future career that you wish to enter, but also to act as your advocates in any issues that may arise - issues of workplace, issues that you find challenging. The Medical Education Officers and myself will be available, we have an open door policy for you to approach us at any time about issues that you feel impinge on your education and training in our Hospital. We encourage our junior doctors to attend educational sessions. We run a mandatory educational program with at least two to three hours a week. Where the junior doctors are taken off clinical service and are available for educational opportunities, one of which is the MOLIE, more education learning in emergency, and we'll show you a short clip of how that particular unit runs.

Consultant

Welcome guys to your MOLIE session today. MOLIE, as you know, stands for More Learning for Interns in Emergency, and this is our dedicated teaching time. This is the fourth session that we've got this week. Now, today we're going to be focusing our cases all around chest pain. Chest pains are a really common thing that we see here. What we'll do is we'll start with the first case.

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In that many junior doctors today have a clear idea of what their future career paths will be, we try and encourage them to undertake training in relevant specialty areas, although as an Intern, you're obliged to do a term in medicine, emergency medicine and in surgery. But after that, in the junior house officer year and subsequent years, we are encouraging streaming into areas of specialty interest.

But there's another side, the second life capability of being a junior doctor, the work-life balance that you hear about. And we encourage junior doctors in this institution to involve in the Junior Doctor Forum or in the house officers' association, and there are cultural and social activities that are organised by the junior doctors each year. I again, therefore, welcome you in your application to this institution. I believe that the educational opportunities here are very great and I would look forward to greeting any of you who successfully apply to work at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital.

Junior House Officer – Carly

My name's Carly and I'm in my Junior House Officer year at the Royal Brisbane Hospital. One of the reasons I chose to come to the Royal Brisbane was the wide variety of rotations on offer. The Royal Brisbane has an excellent tradition in both surgery and medicine as well as a large variety of elective rotations that we can do in our Intern year and in subsequent years, including obs & gynae, paediatrics, pathology, radiology, cardiology and a bunch of other things. We also have compulsory country relieving terms in the Junior House Officer year and sitting where you guys are right now, that might seem like a hugely daunting prospect, but by all accounts it's one of the most rewarding educational experiences you can have as a junior doctor.

It's important to choose a hospital based on your career, but it's also, I think, important to choose a hospital based on the lifestyle for you when you come out the other end of medical school.

The Royal Brisbane has an active RMO Society which acts for junior doctors as an advocate in and around the Hospital, and also holds a large variety of social events throughout the year. We have a great common room which I'm sitting in right now, that resembles an Australian airline lounge and it's where you can come to have a coffee, meeting up with your colleagues, get an information consult if you deem it necessary, and generally relax away from the hustle and bustle of the ward.

Junior House Officer – Steve

G'day, my name's Steve. I'm a Junior House Officer at the Royal Brisbane Hospital and I've been here now for my Intern year and my Junior House Officer year. The Royal is the only hospital in Queensland that contains all specialities around, so if you do have a question that arises during your clinical practice as a resident, there's always someone around to answer the question or that you can ask the question for, and they're happy to teach. So as for developing your professional knowledge, the Royal is the best opportunity, the best place to do that.

Junior House Officer – Carly

Overall, I found my time at the Royal Brisbane Hospital thus far to be incredibly rewarding. It's a hugely supportive environment in which to do your formative years before you get onto a speciality training program and it

provides a great grounding for any career in medicine that you would choose to do. I'd recommend it to anyone.