

Cairns Base Hospital

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And we're current Interns at Cairns Base Hospital. By choosing to do your internship here, you'll receive quality education and training with a tropical lifestyle right on your doorstep.

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Yeah, where else can you head out to the Great Barrier Reef on the weekend or even up to the Daintree Rainforest. Other unique experiences about Cairns will be highlighted in this presentation.

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The commitment to Intern training and education was evident by the recent comments from people surveyed by the recent PMCQ accreditation. Some of the comments they had was "enthusiastic and committed clinical supervisors".

As well as the core terms in surgery, medicines and emergency, you could also do your compulsory surgical term in orthopaedics at Cairns Base Hospital. We also offer surgery and medicine at the secondment hospital, Atherton.

Intern – Matt

Non compulsory terms at Cairns including exposure to both surgery and medicine as well as mental health, obstetrics and gynaecology. We are currently in the processes of having accredited a non compulsory term in sexual health in 2011.

Medical Education Officer – Julie

Hi, I'm Julie, Medical Education Officer at Cairns Base Hospital. A Medical Education Unit works to ensure that Interns receive quality education and training experiences. We particularly encourage Interns to complete both their years of junior doctor training here at Cairns Base. So in supplying information regarding choices for their PGY1 Year, we will also provide additional information regarding additional PGY2 doctors.

Junior House Officer – Renee

Hi, my name's Renee Cremen and I'm one of the PGY2 doctors at Cairns Base Hospital. At Cairns Base Hospital, there's an opportunity for PGY2s to begin streaming along certain vocational pathways, such as ICU and surgery before beginning a SET pathway. Cairns is a site for Basic Surgical Training, such as orthopaedics and general surgery. We also offer Basic and Advanced Physician Training, focusing on the areas of tropical medicine and indigenous health. Advanced rural skills can also be completed at Cairns Base Hospital in the area of anaesthetics, obstetrics, paediatrics and emergency.

Director of Medical Services - Dr Michael Stone

Hi, I'm Dr Michael Stone, I'm the Director of Medical Services at Cairns Base Hospital. The Cairns and Hinterland Health Service District extends over a very large area, comparable in size to the state of Victoria, or the UK, extending all the way from Cardwell in the south up to very far north Queensland, Torres Strait and throughout the Cape. We receive referrals in from that population, which has a very high indigenous component, so that our admissions to the hospital, we receive about 25-30% are indigenous health

Reflecting that broad population base, Interns have opportunity for exposure to a number of specialist and generalist medical and surgical terms. Within the specialist medical terms we have available, renal medicine, the second busiest department in the State, cardiology, thoracic medicine, geriatric and rehabilitation, gastroenterology, haematology and infectious diseases. Likewise, in surgery, a number of specialist and generalist surgical terms are available.

One of the most exciting things about the Cairns District and particularly Cairns Base Hospital is the redevelopment that is occurring over the next five years. A \$450 million redevelopment of the Hospital that will see a number of services expanded. Of particular note, the Emergency Department, which is currently the fastest growing emergency department in the State, will undergo a significant expansion.

Staff Specialist - Dr Jim Reeves

Hello, my name is Dr Jim Reeves, I'm a Staff Specialist in the Emergency Department at Cairns Base Hospital, I'm also an Intern supervisor. I think what makes it a good department is that it is a very well resourced, very well staffed. We have fourteen Registrars, similar number of resident doctors, we average about five or six Interns and we also have in the near future, we'll probably have eleven Staff Specialists working here. There are two Registrars on every night shift, so basically what this means is you are very closely supervised as an Intern at Cairns Base Emergency Department, you're never actually left alone and I think you'll probably find that you have more direct contact with Consultants in this job than you will in any other job that you ever do.

Director of Surgical Services – Dr Pieter Prinsloo

G'day, I'm Pieter Prinsloo, I'm the Director of Surgical Services at the Cairns Base Hospital. We service the Cairns and Hinterland area of surgical services, also including Cape York and the Torres Strait. Around about 300 000 worth of population with quite varying degrees of pathology and quite interesting pathology that you will struggle to find anywhere else in Australia. Interns in our division are an integral part of our service delivery, we don't see them just as 'paper pushers', they help us in theatre, they help us in the clinic and are really very important part of a working machine in our Surgical Division.

General Physician – Dr Josh Hanson

My name's Josh Hanson, I'm a general physician, infectious diseases physician at Cairns Base Hospital.