The Gold Coast Hospital is an acute tertiary facility which provides diagnosis and treatment across most specialties and disciplines. The District provides inpatient services at three campuses – Southport (550 beds), Robina (180 beds) and Carrara (66 beds), with support and clinical services located in three Community centres.

To support the fastest growing population in Australia, the Robina hospital will be expanded to 364 beds in 2010, and a new Community Health hub will be built across the road. In 2012 we will see the opening of the new 750 bed Gold Coast University hospital on a greenfield site at Parklands to replace the current Southport facility.

Pharmacy Department
Consequently, the Pharmacy service operates three dispensaries – located at Southport; Robina and the Methadone/Buprenorphine dosing centre at Miami.

The Gold Coast Hospital Pharmacy Department currently employs 47 staff, with 24 pharmacists, 2 compounding technicians, 9 dispensary assistants, as well as purchasing, administration and stores support.

The department’s activities are prioritised on Continuum of Care activities. To do this, we have structured our clinical services around prioritising admission history taking, developing medication plans and communicating with primary carers at discharge. All pharmacists participate through all ward areas:

- Medical Admissions Unit
- Cardiology, Coronary Care and Cardiac Catheter laboratory
Gold Coast Hospital pharmacists are strongly supported by technician/assistant, stores people and administration staff. Roles include dispensing of medication, preparation of discharge medication records, imprest management, distribution of medication, sterile dispensing, facilitation of information provision to primary carers and PBS reimbursement.

The pharmacy intern program encompasses rotations through the dispensary, participation ward clinical activities, Oncology services, and placements at Robina and Miami. Mentored by our Deputy Director (Training), Interns are assisted in completion of Intern Training Program, for example by assigning teaching time to review discussion papers, interventions and cases.

In addition to servicing our inpatient and outpatient clients, Pharmacists are very actively involved in the support of university students. We are affiliated with the Griffith University Pharmacy School, and provide placements to students from the University of Queensland, James Cook and Charles Sturt Universities.

Continuing education of pharmacists is supported through conference attendance, the establishment of local Pharmaceutical Society of Australia/Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia continuing education sessions and fortnightly in-house training.

**Services**
Aboriginal Health; Accident/Emergency; Aged Care; Alcohol/Drug; Arthritis; Breast Screening; Child Health Care; Community Health; Community Nursing; Coronary Care; Day Surgery; Dementia; Dental Care; Dermatology; Diabetic; Dietetic; Disabled Care; Diversional Therapy; Ear, Nose and Throat; Endocrinology; Endoscopy; General Medicine; General Surgery; Geriatric; Geriatric Assessment; Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome; Health Promotion; Home Care; Home Nursing; Intensive Care; Maternity; Medical Imaging; Mental Health; Neurosurgery; Occupational Therapy; Oncology; Ophthalmology; Orthopaedic; Outpatients; Paediatric; Palliative Care; Pathology; Pharmacy; Physiotherapy; Plastic Surgery; Podiatry; Rehabilitation; Renal; Sexual Assault Counselling; Social Work; Speech Pathology; Speech Therapy; Urology; Vascular Surgery; Women’s Health.
Accommodation
District accommodation is not available for employees. As a major tourist area, there is an abundance of short term holiday rental, although this becomes less available in peak times.

Locale
The Gold Coast is Australia's sixth largest city, with a resident population exceeding 500,000, in addition to an estimated 10 million visitors who spend time here each year. The Gold Coast is a major attraction in itself, with 70 kilometres of coastline made up of the most beautiful beaches in the world. The area also boasts some of the most exciting theme parks, with Warner Brothers Movie World, Sea World and Dream World among the most popular. Less adventurous pastimes can be catered for by a myriad of restaurants, cafes, nightclubs, shopping centres and theatre complexes. For the golfers, there are more golf courses per head of population than anywhere else in the world; or visit the spectacular Gold Coast Hinterland. The Gold Coast has its own airport including routes to international locations. In addition, it is located within a one-hour drive from Brisbane and is linked to Brisbane and the International Airport by a modern rail system.