Cairns Hospital

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Hospital facilities

The Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service (CHHHS) is responsible for the delivery of Health Services in a geographical area of 141,000 square kilometres ranging from Cairns to Tully in the south, Cow Bay in the north and Croydon in the west. The HHS outer western region encompasses extremely remote communities.

The CHHHS supports a population of 283,197 which is forecast to grow by 9% by 2026, with the highest level of growth occurring within the in the 65 and over age group. Tourism is a key industry and contributes to a relatively high transient population. It is estimated that 9% of the population are Indigenous Australian, compared to 3.5% for Queensland as a whole.

The CHHHS delivers health services across the continuum of care and also provides services to the Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service. Some higher level acute services are provided outside the CHHHS area in Townsville or Brisbane.

Clinical service profile

Cairns Hospital provides community and specialist hospital services for Cairns and its immediate surroundings and is the major referral centre for Tropical North Queensland. Services include all major health specialties (medicine, surgery, women’s health, paediatrics and mental health) and more than 30 sub-specialties. The hospital also is a major provider of outreach specialist services to remote and rural areas, including obstetrics and gynaecology, anaesthetics, orthopaedics, general medicine, renal medicine, diabetes and thoracic medicine.

Cairns Hospital is Australia’s first large-scale regional Digital Hospital, leading the way in health care information and technology. We’re connecting patients, clinicians and health services through fully integrated digital healthcare.
### Hospital Services:
- 24 hour acute care
- Accident and emergency
- Aged care
- Alcohol, tobacco and other drug service
- Cardiac Services
- Child and youth health
- Gynaecology
- Intensive care
- Medical
- Mental health
- Obstetric
- Oncology
- Peri-operative
- Rehabilitation unit
- Special Care Baby Unit
- Surgical

### Allied Health Services
- Child development unit
- Clinical measurement services
- Dietetics
- Occupational therapy
- Oral health dental services
- Pharmacy
- Physiotherapy
- Psychology
- Radiographers
- Social work
- Speech Pathology

### Outreach Services
- Anaesthetics
- Cardiac Outreach including
- Echo Service
- Dental
- General medicine
- General surgery
- Geriatrics
- Gynaecology
- Mental health
- Obstetric
- Orthopaedic
- Paediatrics
- Thoracic medicine

### Clinics Available
- Amputee
- Cardiology
- Cystic fibrosis
- Diabetes
- Ear, nose, throat (ENT)
- Emergency medicine
- Endocrinology
- Gastroenterology
- General surgery
- Genetics
- Geriatrics
- Gynaecology
- Haematology
- Infectious diseases
- Intensive care
- Metabolic
- Neurology
- Neurosurgery
- Obstetrics
- Oncology
- Ophthalmology
- Oral surgery
- Orthopaedic oncology
- Orthopaedics
- Paediatric cardiology
- Paediatric dermatology
- Paediatric ophthalmology
- Paediatric surgery
- Paediatrics
- Pathology
- Psychiatry
- Radiation oncology
- Radiology
- Renal medicine
- Renal transplant
- Rheumatology
- Scoliosis
- Sleep clinic
- Thoracic medicine
- Urology
- Vascular surgery

### Community Health
- Dental
- Hepatitis C
- Sexual health

### Specialist Services
- Aged care
- Alcohol, tobacco and other drug (ATOD) service
- Cardiac Health Team (Heart Failure, Cardiac Rehabilitation)
- Cardiology
- Continence advisory service
- Diabetes
- Emergency medicine
- Endocrinology
- ENT surgery
- Gastroenterology
- General medicine
- General surgery
- Genetic counselling
- Geriatrics
- Gynaecology
- Haematology
- Infectious diseases
- Intensive care
- Medical imaging
- Mental health
- Neonatal
- Neurology
- Obstetrics
- Oncology
- Ophthalmology
- Oral surgery
- Orthopaedics
- Paediatrics
- Pathology
- Plastic corrective surgery
- Psychiatry
- Radiology
- Renal medicine
- Respiratory
- Rheumatology
- Sexual health
- Thoracic medicine
- Urology
- Vascular surgery
- Wound management
Available positions

These numbers are subject to change, and applicants should always discuss employment opportunities with your preferred hospitals before submitting your application.

Senior Medical staff

- 1 Executive Director of Medical Services
- 0.5 Deputy Executive Director of Medical Services
- 1 Service Director of Medical Services
- 10 Clinical Directors
- 209 Specialists
- 32 Visiting Medical Specialists

Fellows

Clinical Provisional Fellows

Anaesthetics (2), Intensive Care (1) (role descriptions available upon request)

Registrars

Anaesthetics (12), ICU (1 CICM trainee and 5 rotational registrars), Medical Education (0.5) Emergency Medicine (15), General and Acute Care Medicine AT (4), Obstetric Medicine / General Medicine AT (1), Chief Medical Registrar (1), Basic Physician Training Program (28), Endocrinology (2), Gastroenterology AT (1), Haematology AT (1) Infectious Diseases AT (1), Nephrology AT (1), Respiratory and Sleep Medicine AT (1), Oncology AT (1), Geriatric Medicine (2), Obstetrics and Gynaecology (6), Paediatrics (5), Psychiatry (19), Rehabilitation Medicine (1) General Surgery (4), Orthopaedics (3), Sexual Health (1).

Principal House officers

Emergency Medicine (3), General Medicine (8), Obstetrics and Gynaecology (4), Ophthalmology (2), Paediatrics (4), Psychiatry (3), General Surgery (7), Plastics (1) Urology (1) ENT (1), Orthopaedics (8), Sexual Health (1)

Junior and Senior House officers (126)

Full range of specialties including core Rural Health trainees, RACGP training posts and relieving Resident Medical Officers.

Current JHO/SHO Terms Available

- Anaesthetics (only available for Critical Care Stream)
- ICU
- ATODS
- Paediatrics
- Medicine Specialties
- Surgical Specialties
- Psychiatry
• Obstetrics & Gynaecology
• Orthopaedics
• Emergency Medicine
• Rural Relieving
• Rural Rotations
• **NEW Critical Care Stream** (PGY3+ only, role description available upon request)

**RMO education and training opportunities**

**Education sessions are as follows:**

- Twice weekly junior doctor education programme for interns, including skills workshops.
- Intern presentations
- Grand Rounds / Journal clubs
- Individual unit / department teaching
- ARCS
- Skills Centre

**RANZCP Registrar Training Program**

- Part of QRTP
- 19 accredited RANZCP Registrar Training positions (basic and advanced training available)
  - 9.5 Adult General (7 integrated and 2.5 community)
  - 1 Consultation Liaison
  - 2 Child & Youth
  - 1 Psychiatry of Old Age
  - 1 Forensic position
  - 3 Senior Positions in Extreme Outreach
  - 0.5 Medical Education registrar position
- Telemed facilities to access Brisbane lecture program
- All terms Rural Training Accredited
- Locally run educational program
- Journal Club, Case Presentation and Tutorial Sessions
- Cairns Base Hospital Library facilities

For information on Psychiatry training in Cairns, please contact;
Dr Mridula Kayal - Chief Training Supervisor
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**ICU Registrar Positions**

Cairns ICU is a 10-bed, level III, general ICU which admits a diverse case-mix of both adult and paediatric patients. The majority of the 600+ annual admissions are emergencies (>80%), with a high level of acuity and complexity. Having been built in 2012, the unit is state-of-the-art and there are plans to increase bed numbers in the near future to accommodate a growing demand.

The unit case-mix is diverse, being substantially compromised of tropical infectious diseases, trauma and complex medical and surgical conditions. With a catchment area including Cape York and the Torres Strait, a significant proportion of the patients are Indigenous and are often from remote communities.
Cairns ICU has CICM accreditation as a C12 unit (for pre-2014 trainees) and has unlimited general and paediatric (P12) accreditation for post-2014 trainees. The unit also provides rotations to Senior House Officers (SHO) as part of the Cairns Hospital Critical Care SHO year and is accredited for ANZCA and ACEM trainees.

There is a dedicated registrar education program, with protected ICU registrar teaching time, as well as weekly primary examination tutorials through the Department of Anaesthesia. Advanced trainees have access to Fellowship Exam preparation, including regular hot cases conducted by FCICM specialists in the unit.

There is a close relationship with the infectious diseases unit, with daily microbiological ward rounds and there is a weekly radiology teaching program. SIM training with mini-sims for critical care is currently being established in the dedicated ICU simulation and training room.

The unit is dynamic and evolving, with an expanding research program. Great opportunities exist for registrars to undertake intensive care training, while managing unique cases in an interesting, supportive tropical intensive care environment.

For information on ICU training in Cairns, please contact;
Dr Catherine Tacon – ICU Specialist
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More information is available at: icucairns.org

Advanced Rural Skills Posts
(These positions will be allocated to Cairns by the QRGP)

Anaesthesics, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Surgery, Emergency Medicine

Employment conditions

- Award conditions apply - Medical Officers (Queensland Health) Award - State 2015 (PDF, 361kB) in conjunction with Medical Officer (Queensland Health) Certified Agreement (No.4) 2015 (MOCA 4)

Community and lifestyle

The People / Socio Demographics
Cairns is home to approximately 165,000 people from diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds. This adds to the cosmopolitan feel of the place. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, as well as South Pacific Islanders maintain strong links to the area. Most denominations are catered for. All major service organisations are active in Cairns. There is also a Royal Flying Doctor base located here.

Real Estate and Accommodation
The majority of the area’s housing is privately owned. The area is well served for rental accommodation. The council is encouraging unit, villa and apartment-style development, especially in the Central Business District.

Places of Interest
The historic Botanical Gardens and The Esplanade. Bird watching along the foreshore, the scenic Kuranda area, fishing on the reef, the weekend markets with their produce and crafts. White water rafting and the Barron Gorge. The many parks and gardens as well as the incomparable reef make Cairns a great place to explore.