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Hospital facilities

Toowoomba Hospital is the largest reporting hospital in the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service. It is a 290 bed hospital that provides a wide array of services: primarily ambulatory care including specialist medical and surgical outpatient services, and acute inpatient care. The hospital has a large, 59 bed acute Mental Health Unit.

Last year the Emergency Department saw 50,977 presentations of which 38% were admitted. There were 2,008 babies born. A total of 9,247 operations were performed.

The University of Queensland’s Rural Clinical School is also based at the hospital, with 30 third and fourth year students on campus for their current academic year.

Hospital services include:

Ambulatory Care including an Emergency Department, Specialist Outpatient services, Day-Case Procedures Unit, Dialysis, Outpatient Mental Health, and Oncology services. Acute Inpatient Care including Medical, Surgical, Orthopaedics, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Paediatrics, Special Care Nursery, Intensive and Coronary Care, Theatre Services, Geriatric Adult Rehabilitation and Stroke Service (GARSS), Mental Health, Aged Care, and Palliative Care. There are also onsite Drug and Alcohol, Oral Health, and Community Health services.

Specialist services include:

Acute Medical Services including General Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Ophthalmology, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Oncology, Geriatric Adult Rehabilitation and Stroke Service (GARSS), Paediatrics, Respiratory Medicine, Renal Medicine, Cardiology, Haemodialysis, Home Dialysis, and Peritoneal Dialysis. Surgical Services including Day of Admission and Day Surgery Services, Endoscopy Service, ENT, Urology, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Major Orthopaedic Pre-Admission Services, Orthopaedics, and Perioperative Services and Anaesthetic Services including an Acute Pain Service. Specialty Nursing Services including Stomal Therapy and Wound Management.

Medical support services include:


Clinical service profile:

The Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service (DDHHS) is an independent statutory body, established under state legislation through the provisions of the Hospitals and Health Boards Act 2011, and is governed by the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Board.

The Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service provides a comprehensive range of high-quality acute, sub-acute, mental health, drug and alcohol, oral health, residential aged care, and community health services. We deliver clinical services to approximately 300,000 people across 26 locations, including the major hospital in Toowoomba, regional and rural community hospitals, residential aged care facilities, multipurpose health services, and community clinic facilities.

The Hospital and Health Service has a major teaching role, providing both undergraduate and postgraduate clinical experience for members of the multidisciplinary healthcare team. We are the largest employer in the Darling Downs, employing more than 5,000 people, with revenue of more than $640 million annually.
Community Health services provided include:

Aged Care Assessment Team, Alcohol and Other Drugs Services, Breast Screening, Community Aged Care Service, Cervical Cancer Prevention, Child Youth and Family Health service (including Developmental Assessment Clinic), Communicable Diseases, Community Health, Home Medical Aids Scheme, Indigenous Health, Maternity Home Care Service, Oral Health, Preventative Health Programmes, Sexual Assault Programme, and School-based Health Nurses.

Other services available from the hospital include health promotion, outreach support, pastoral care, and the sub-acute non-acute patient (SNAP) project.

RMO education and training opportunities

Toowoomba would be a great place for you to join in 2019. We understand that if you want great doctors, you need to provide great support. We are extremely proud of our dedication to training and support for junior doctors and we invite you to join the team at Toowoomba Hospital.

Everyday our specialists perform rounds, and provide teaching and care with their resident medical officers and registrars. Almost all our interns stay with us through their PGY2 year and many choose to stay on as PHOs or registrars. Our consultants and Medical Education Unit assist our junior doctors in refining & realising their career aspirations.

Toowoomba Hospital is achieving outstanding standards in clinical care. We are delivering more services locally, staff specialist vacancies are rare, and the total number of specialists has increased.

Rural hospitals within the DDHHS offer a rich learning environment with potential for hands-on experience in birthing, emergency care, surgical assisting, and anaesthesia supported by the UQ Rural Clinical School.

Medical Workforce:

Our Medical Workforce team is available to provide support and advice for employment. We coordinate and monitor the processes for medical staffing including registration and VISAs. We aim to provide you with personalised and prompt assistance.

Medical Education:

The Medical Education Unit at Toowoomba Hospital looks after junior doctor training and has established an excellent reputation throughout the State, seen to be on the forefront of clinical education. Clinical teachers foster ongoing learning and maintain a high standard of professional practice.

The hospital supports postgraduate medical education by providing a wide range of postgraduate educational activities. There is a strong commitment among the Medical Administration, Medical Education Unit, and senior medical staff to provide appropriate clinical experience and educational support.
The Medical Education Unit provides:

- Constant support with timely assistance for any junior doctor concerns.
- An education program matched to the ACFJD (Australian Curriculum Framework for Junior Doctors).
- Feedback & assessment: The Director of Clinical Training (DCT) and the Medical Education Officers at Toowoomba Hospital are actively involved in guiding and supporting your training. Your progress is regularly evaluated through mid-term and end of term interviews for each of your rotations. This ensures that your learning needs and expectations are met and that your work environment and supervision create a positive experience.
- Advocacy & advice: Both the DCT and the Medical Education Registrar act as advocates for junior doctors and offer individual career advice to ensure that you are aware of, and can take advantage of, the many opportunities available to you in planning your future.

Support for Junior Doctors is enhanced through:

- Education sessions.
- Protected time for twice-weekly education sessions.
- Monthly forum sessions and case presentations.
- Handover lunch at the end of each rotation.
- Unit orientation at the commencement of each rotation.
- Unit-specific presentations including case studies, scenarios, and clinical reasoning exercises plus departmental meetings to review team work and training strategies.
- CRuSE (Clinical Rural Skills Enhancement) Workshops.
- ALS (Advanced Life Support) training program – four sessions throughout the year.
- Clinical role-play teaching for AMC exam preparation.

On the job training:

- Enhances opportunities to interact with senior medical staff who are supportive and provide advice and regular feedback.
- Provides exposure to a wide range of conditions and treatments – as a regional referral hospital, Toowoomba accepts interesting & challenging cases from all over southern Queensland.
- Ensures constructive feedback from consultants and registrars, providing real opportunities to improve clinical skills and reasoning.

Other support within the hospital:

Online education & support through procedural skills vodcasts, interactive training modules, ACF video resources, recordings of lunchtime presentations, and ward call guidelines.

Employee Assistance Services (EAS):

Informal support from registrars and consultants committed to providing quality supervision.

Grand Rounds:

Grand Rounds are an hour-long presentation delivered monthly at the Toowoomba Hospital. Local and invited visiting clinicians share interesting cases, provide informed observations, and provoke lively discussion. A variety of clinical disciplines are represented in the presentations throughout the year, and all hospital staff are invited to attend. With free lunch also included, Grand Rounds has proven to be an excellent and engaging educational opportunity.
Support is essential

Toowoomba is a great place for you to continue your medical career. The support and dedication to training is something we are proud of, and you too can be a part of this should you choose to work at Toowoomba Hospital. Our consultants and Medical Education Unit support our junior doctors’.

Our rural terms offer a rich learning experience in hospitals with onsite senior medical officers. There is the opportunity for hands-on experience in birthing, emergency care, surgical assisting and anaesthesia.

I look forward to welcoming you to Toowoomba in 2019, and supporting you in your future medical career.

Dr Martin Byrne
Executive Director Medical Services
Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service

Our People, Our Stories

Toowoomba Hospital and the Darling Downs Hospital & Health Service year after year deliver wonderful career opportunities with the ability to grow in your chosen field.

I was fortunate enough to get a JHO position at Toowoomba Hospital spending a significant amount of that year in many of the rural hospitals within our district. It was the most rewarding albeit scary at times experience I could have hoped for during that year.

I got to know many of the staff specialists due to patient referral systems and engaged with many of the supportive staff that helped me immensely during this time. Since then I have undertaken emergency medicine training with ongoing involvement in junior doctor education and training.

The wonderful part of Toowoomba Hospital is the way it fosters growth and supports junior staff during those formative years. Toowoomba also acts at the gateway to the beautiful Granite Belt and Bunya Mountain regions with so much to do every weekend. You and your loved ones will not regret making the move to Toowoomba; it’s the best move I have made.

Dr Lucy-Anne Tolcher – Medical Education & ED Registrar 2018
Available positions

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

Junior and Senior House Officer Rotations:

Terms available for RMO's include:

- Emergency Medicine
- General Surgery
- Orthopaedics
- Urology
- ENT
- ICU
- Anaesthetics
- Obstetrics/Gynaecology
- Paediatrics
- Psychiatry
- Internal Relief (Medicine and Surgery)
- General Medicine
- Geriatric and Rehabilitation
- Medical Assessment Planning Unit (MAPU)
- Cardiology
- Oncology
- Palliative Care
- Haematology
- Renal
- Rural Rotation

Senior Medical Staff:

- Executive Director Medical Services.
- Director Medical Services - Toowoomba Hospital, Clinical Governance, and Rural.
- 80 full time Staff Specialists (including SMOs).
- 57 part-time Staff Specialist (including SMOs).
- 33 Visiting Medical Specialists (including Locums).

Fellows:

Provisional Fellows – Anaesthesia.

Registrars / Principal House Officers:

The following positions are available for Registrars/PHOs:

- Anaesthetics
- Anaesthetics (AT)
- General Medicine
- ICU
- Medical Oncology
- Clinical Haematology
- General Medicine (AT)
- Endocrinology (AT)
- Nephrology (AT)
- Geriatric and Rehabilitation (AT)
- Medical Education
- Emergency Medicine
- Obstetrics & Gynaecology
- Psychiatry
- Paediatrics
- General Surgery
- Urology
- ENT
- Orthopaedics
- Medical Administration
Community and lifestyle

Toowoomba has a population of approximately 160,000 (local government area ABS statistics), is situated approximately 700 metres above sea level on the edge of the Great Dividing Range, and is located 127kms or a 90-minute drive west of Brisbane.

The city is the largest centre in our region and has long been a hub for commerce, industry, and education. Toowoomba is considered the capital of the 'Darling Downs' region and is the gateway to the resource-rich Surat Basin Energy Precinct.

Toowoomba supports a large and vibrant business community offering a broad range of shops, banks and professional and trade services. It services a diversity of primary and secondary industries and plays a significant role in the economic development of the southern Queensland area.

The city has a new library, art gallery, and the iconic Empire Theatre. Sporting facilities include an aquatic centre with swimming pools, golf courses, and numerous gyms and sporting clubs with courts and ovals. Toowoomba boasts an ever-expanding selection of excellent restaurants and a flourishing night life. For anyone who can't wait for Toowoomba's annual Food and Wine Festival, Warwick & Stanthorpe's wine regions are a just short drive away and make an easy day trip or a relaxing weekend away.

Toowoomba's excellent education facilities include a vast selection of public and private primary and secondary schools, Southern Queensland Institute of TAFE and the University of Southern Queensland. This makes Toowoomba ideal for young families.

The city has more than 250 parks and gardens including the magnificent Queens Park, Laurel Bank Park, State Rose Garden, and the largest Japanese Garden in Australia. The spectacular floral displays in these parks have led to Toowoomba being affectionately known as the 'Garden City'. Each year the city hosts numerous events including Languages and Cultural Festival, First Coat street art festival, Shakespeare in the Park, and the ever popular Carnival of Flowers in September.