

SUNSHINE COAST HEALTH SERVICE DISTRICT

Geriatric Medicine Service Description

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Number of Core Training Positions accredited: 6

Duration of Training Accredited: 2year core

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Description of Service

STAFF: 11 Geriatricians covering multiple units across the district

PROGRAM:

Acute Inpatient units:

- Acute geriatrics 12 beds at Sunshine Coast University Hospital (SCUH) (Core training)
- Acute stroke unit 16 beds at SCUH (Core training)
- Orthogeriatrics (admitted under geriatrician) at SCUH (Core training)

Subacute Inpatient units:

- 20 bed Acute and Restorative Care for the Older Person Unit Nambour Hospital including 8 bed secure unit (Core training)
- 8 bed GEM Unit Maleny Hospital

Community geriatrics: (Core training)

- 78 Transition care beds (13 residential)
- Domiciliary home visit service

Outpatient Services:

- General Geriatrics, Stroke/ rapid access TIA clinic, Movement Disorder

RaSS: Residential aged care Acute Support Service

Number/type of Geriatric Beds:

See above

Specialty Clinics:

 Stroke/ rapid access TIA clinic
 General Geriatrics
 Movement Disorder

Consult Services:

 Ortho-geriatric
 General Geriatrics

Domiciliary Assessment:

Home and RACF visits – within TCP and subacute programs, and via outpatients

Outpatient Clinics/Day Hospital:	
Formal Training	
Lectures: Queensland advanced trainee meeting via videoconference	Journal Club: Weekly department Geriatrics training meeting
Grand Rounds: Department Medicine grand rounds 1/ week Department Medicine teaching meeting 1/week All of the above are accessed via videoconference if outside of SCUH	Consult Rounds: Vary according to rotation – generally 3 rounds / week for each inpatient unit.
Other Specialty Links: Neurology All major Internal Medicine departments Palliative Care	Protected time per week: 1 session / week.
Information Infrastructure	
Library: Excellent on site library	IT: Standard Queensland Health, full internet access, online library facility; University of Queensland online library.
Research: Enrolled in stroke and parkinsons trials. Links with University of Queensland, Griffith University and University of the Sunshine Coast	Quality Assurance: Active audit and Quality Improvement program within Stroke, Geriatrics, Transition Care and Community Subacute Programs.
Trainee Responsibilities	
After Hours Coverage Roster: Geriatrics weekend rounds 1:4 half day duties with week day off in lieu	Ward responsibilities/workload: Most inpatient units 12 patients with intern or Junior House Officer (JHO); Community Geriatrics – TCP and subacute program patients in concert with local GPs plus domiciliary assessment visits.
Consultations: Each registrar covers all consults for their area / unit.	Specialist Clinic cover Generally weekly OPD

<p>Domiciliary assessments / ACAT assessments: Predominant work of Community Geriatric registrar</p>	<p>Research/presentations: Presentations within department meetings (both Department of Medicine and Geriatrics)</p>
<p>Teaching responsibilities: Local clinical school with medical students in most rotations. Teaching for basic physician trainees Teaching multidisciplinary team members</p>	<p>Rotations available and opportunities for flexible training: Accredited for core training in Acute geriatrics, Stroke, Orthogeriatrics, Subacute Inpatients including rehabilitation and management of BPSD, community and RaSS service Whilst accredited for 6 core positions would probably take up to 4 trainees at any one time.</p>