

# TOOWOOMBA HOSPITAL

## Geriatric Medicine Service Description

### RMO CAMPAIGN 2023

Number of Elective Training Positions accredited: 5 full time or 4 fulltime with 2 part time  
 Duration of Training Accredited:  
 24 months - 6 months maximum in each of - stroke; acute geriatric services, orthogeriatrics, rehabilitation / acute geriatrics (St Vincents Hospital), GEDI and HITH-CAC

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### Description of Service:

#### STAFF:

Dr Nisal Gange ( Director – Geriatric , stroke)- Toowoomba base and St Vincents  
 Dr K.J Wijayarathne (Geriatrics and GIM) )- Toowoomba Base  
 Dr L. Basnayake- (Geriatrician)- Toowoomba Base  
 Dr Anna Taylor ( Geriatrician)- Toowoomba Base  
 Dr Lindson Alapatt ( Geriatrician)- Toowoomba Base  
 Dr Ken Ng ( Geriatrician -St Vincents Hospital)  
 Dr Emerald Setbo ( Geriatrician) – St Vincents Hospital  
 3 Advance trainee Registrars  
 1 PHO  
 3 Basic trainee Registrar  
 3 RMOs  
 1 intern

#### PROGRAM:

Geriatric , Adult Rehabilitation and stroke service – Toowoomba Hospital  
 Geriatric and Rehabilitation – St Vincents Hospital Toowoomba

#### Number/type of Geriatric Beds:

4-6 Acute Geriatrics  
 7 GEM  
 13 Rehab (TBH) 16 (SVHT)  
 4 Stroke  
 10 Orthogeriatric (orthopaedic unit joint care)  
 8 Acute Geriatrics  
 6 GEDI beds  
 15 Community Geriatric beds (HiTH CAC)

#### Specialty Clinics:

Memory clinic (3 per week)  
 Stroke/TIA clinic (1.5 per week)  
 General Geriatric clinic (1 fortnightly)  
 Geriatric Telehealth clinic (1 per week)  
 Falls clinic (1 Fortnightly)  
 Parkinson clinic (1 per Month)  
 GEDI Rapid access clinic (2 weekly)

<b>Consult Services:</b> Orthogeriatrics Acute Geriatrics Geriatric and Rehabilitation Liaison Service GEDI	<b>Domiciliary Assessment:</b> NH visits Transitional care program HITH (Geriatric's) -15 beds
<b>Outpatient Clinics/Day Hospital:</b> Ambulatory day therapy program Amputee clinic (commencing in March)	
<b>Formal Training</b>	
<b>Lectures:</b> Access to state-wide Geriatric Training Program Weekly GARSS CME Weekly Registrar teaching	<b>Journal Club:</b> Once a week
<b>Grand Rounds:</b> General medicine -Once a week Hospital- once a month	<b>Consult Rounds:</b> 5 days a week
<b>Other Specialty Links:</b> Palliative care Neurology	<b>Protected time per week:</b> Weekly education meetings
<b>Information Infrastructure</b>	
<b>Library:</b> Yes	<b>IT:</b> Yes Full access to internet, journals, and CKN
<b>Research and Teaching:</b> Departmental audit and research program	
<b>Current and Recent Projects</b> GARSS service evaluation project –under a \$25,000 pure land scholarship grant AusCR, Stroke 123 (multicentre involvement)	
<b>Quality Assurance:</b> Monthly Morbidity and Mortality Meeting Participation in hospital-wide QA activities Periodical meeting with hospital coding team	

<p><b>Current and Recent Projects</b>  Periodical departmental audits- NG in Strokes, Stroke lysis, Catheters in elderly care, NH readmissions)</p>	
<p><b>Trainee Responsibilities</b></p>	
<p><b>Coverage Roster:</b>  Participate in General medical roster 1 in 6 optional)  Stroke on call –( 9 am-5 pm)</p>	<p><b>Ward responsibilities/workload:</b>  8-15 inpatients acute or subacute patients with RMO and MDT</p>
<p><b>Consultations:</b>  <b>Acute geriatrics</b>  Geriatric Liaison Service and Ortho geriatric Medicine Service provide an in-patient consultation service to Intensive care, Cardiology, Respiratory and Surgical services with Consultant Geriatrician support</p>	<p><b>Specialist Clinic coverage:</b>  Memory clinic  Stroke/TIA clinic  General Geriatric clinic  Falls Clinic  Telehealth clinic</p>
<p><b>Domiciliary assessments/ACAT assessments:</b>  Once a week NH visits (with the Consultant)  TCP residential care consults</p>	<p><b>Research/presentations:</b>  Dedicated hospital research coordinator to support staff with ethics approval and statistics.  Departments annual research/Audit plan  Presentations at Journal club, grand rounds</p>
<p><b>Teaching responsibilities:</b>  University of Queensland Rural Medical students, years 3-4, on attachments or electives.  Teaching at intern, basic trainee and Internal Medicine Service seminars.</p>	<p><b>Rotations available and opportunities for flexible training:</b>  Requests for rotations to other medicine sub-specialties and flexible training arrangements will be considered.</p>