

IPSWICH HOSPITAL

Geriatric Medicine Service Description

RMO CAMPAIGN 2023

Number of Training Positions accredited: 5 (note only 3 positions funded at present)

Duration of Training Accredited: 24 months (12 months core)

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Description of Service:

STAFF:

Dr Alison Cutler (0.2 FTE) Geriatric Lead,

Dr Valerie Lim (0.7 FTE) GMAT site director,

Dr Danusha De Alwis (0.8 FTE), Dr Champa Ranasinghe (0.8 FTE), Dr Li Na Sam (0.8 FTE), Dr Maureen Runganga (0.6 FTE), Dr Rachel Norton (0.6 FTE), Dr Myitzu Khaing (0.5 FTE), Dr Lu Chen (0.2 FTE)

PROGRAM

OPERA (Acute Care and GEMS stream including BPSD management)

Orthogeriatric Service

Community care/outreach services:

HITH (Hospital in the home) and GEMHITH

GEDI/RaSS Service (Geriatric Emergency Department Intervention/RACF acute care support service)

Number/type of Geriatric Beds:

Acute Care of Elderly: 5-10

GEMS: 10-15

Orthogeriatrics: 4-8

HITH/GEMHITH: 8-15

Specialty Clinics:

Memory Clinic

General Geriatric Clinic

Multidisciplinary Continence Clinic

Home Visit Clinic

Telehealth Clinic

RACF Clinic

Consult Services:

General consult service to all hospital units esp. acute medicine, orthopaedics and older persons mental health unit

Domiciliary Assessment:

HITH/GEMHITH home assessments

ACAT and TCP

Outpatient Clinics/Day Hospital:

General Geriatrics

Planned future services:

Geriatric Hot Clinic (GP referrals for home-based MDT acute care)

Formal Training	
<p>Lectures: Statewide geriatric medicine advanced training program Medical unit education meetings x3/week Geriatric M&M quarterly Geriatric Complex Cases MDT quarterly</p>	<p>Journal Club: Fortnightly</p>
<p>Grand Rounds: Hospital Grand Rounds monthly</p>	<p>Consult Rounds: x3 per week</p>
<p>Other Specialty Links: Rehabilitation education program Older Persons Mental Health</p>	<p>Protected time per week: 2-4 hours</p>
Information Infrastructure	
<p>Library: Hospital library onsite, UQ library online</p>	<p>IT: Computer, office, internet access available</p>
<p>Research and Teaching: Participation in research is encouraged, monthly advanced trainee research forum</p> <p>Current and Recent Projects: Current project: Expansion of RACF Acute Support Service (RaSS), NOF registry, Expansion of GEMHITH program</p> <p>Quality Assurance: Participation in audit activity is expected</p>	
Trainee Responsibilities	
<p>Coverage Roster: Weekdays – Geriatrician ward rounds and relevant consults Weekends – Participation with Gen Med weekend roster</p>	<p>Ward responsibilities/workload: Approx 16 inpatients</p>
<p>Consultations: Case finding for OPERA Case finding for GEMHITH Orthopaedic and Older Persons Mental Health referrals</p>	<p>Specialist Clinic coverage: 1-2 clinics per week</p>

<p>Domiciliary assessments/ACAT assessments: Domiciliary visits routine as part of HITH and RaSS rotations Attend ACAT and TCP case conferences weekly</p>	<p>Research/presentations: Presentation to medicine division approx x1 per 3 months Opportunity to present at annual hospital research forum Medical and Geriatric journal club and M&M presentations</p>
<p>Teaching responsibilities: Year 3 and 4 MBBS students attached to unit (OPERA)</p>	<p>Rotations available and opportunities for flexible training: Training can be tailored to trainees needs and interests</p>