



ICU Registrars – Cairns Hospital Intensive Care Unit

Positions Commencing August 2016

Cairns Hospital Intensive Care is currently seeking ICU registrars to join its dynamic and evolving unit.

Cairns ICU is a level III, 16 bed general ICU. The unit admits a diverse case-mix of both adult and paediatric patients. It has CICM accreditation as a C12 unit (for pre-2014 trainees) and unlimited general and paediatric (P12) accreditation for post-2014 trainees. The majority of the 600+ annual admissions are emergencies (>80%), with a high level of acuity and complexity. The unit case-mix is diverse, being substantially comprised 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 and Papua New Guinea.

With a strong focus on tropical medicine, there is a close relationship with the infectious diseases unit, with daily microbiological ward rounds. There is also weekly radiology teaching, a dedicated ICU registrar education program, weekly simulation training and regular combined anaesthetics and intensive care departmental meetings. Trainees have access to Primary and Fellowship exam preparation, with primary tutorials conducted by the Department of Anaesthesia and regular hot cases for advanced trainees conducted by FCICM specialists in the unit.

Ideally the ICU registrar will have previous experience in intensive care at a PHO or registrar level; however consideration will be given to applicants with intensive care experience at a resident level, or with previous emergency or anaesthetics experience.

A great opportunity exists for registrars to undertake intensive care training, gain paediatric ICU experience and manage unique cases in an interesting, supportive tropical intensive care environment. Furthermore, the unit is located in the only city in the world with two adjacent UNESCO World Heritage Sites; the Daintree Rainforest and Great Barrier Reef, offering a great lifestyle with access to a wide range of activities including world-class mountain biking and scuba diving.

For more information regarding this position please contact Dr Cath Tacon (FCICM Supervisor of Training).

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