

Position Description

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| Position Title: | Neurology (Neurodegenerative Disease) Fellow |
| Reports to: | Clinical Program Head Neurosciences and Clinical Discipline Head Neurology |
| Time commitment: | Full-time |
| Employment type: | Fixed term |
| Positions reporting to: | N/A |
| Key relationships: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neurodegenerative multidisciplinary teams • Relevant Staff at Macquarie University Hospital • Relevant staff at MQ Health Clinics |
| Position purpose: | The role is responsible for the assistance and provision of high-quality clinical assessment, management and consultation to patients with Neurodegenerative and Neurological conditions at Macquarie University Hospital (MUH) and Clinics including participation in specialist Motor Neuron Disease, Parkinson's Disease and Dementia services. The role will also provide and participate in education, supervision and support to junior doctors in training and medical students and engage in ongoing clinical research, quality assurance and improvement activities at the discipline, and program levels. |

About MQ Health

MQ Health is the Macquarie University Health Sciences Centre, an innovative patient-focused health system. It combines Macquarie University Hospital, the MQ Health Clinics and the Macquarie University Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences to deliver integrated clinical care, research and learning.

MQ Health's integrated approach is designed to deliver holistic patient care and treatment informed directly by the latest research and continuous learning for improved patient outcomes, enhanced student experiences and impactful health and medical research.

Values

The values of MQ Health are available at <https://www.mqhealth.org.au/about-us/our-organisation>. You must maintain standards of personal and professional conduct which are consistent with and promote those values and ensure the confidence and co-operation of MQ Health, employees of MQ Health, other service providers (and their employees and contractors), the public and patients.

Key accountabilities

Clinical

- Provide clinical service within the scope of practice as granted and approved by the MUH Board to patients of MQ Health.
- Participate in and fulfil the duties and responsibilities as set out in the plan provided for the term of the fellowship.
- Provide clinical management and timely treatment of patients (inpatient and outpatient) delegated by the clinical supervisor(s) and the care of colleagues within the discipline.
- Provide a specialist liaison and consultation service to patients in conjunction with the clinical supervisor as required by other accredited practitioners who provide medical care at or in connection with MUH and Clinics.
- Liaise and work effectively with allied health professionals involved in patient care including the broader care team.
- Supervise and commit to accurate documentation and completion of electronic medical records to reflect clinical decisions, tests, procedures and discharge diagnoses and instructions.
- Perform ward rounds, independently or with others, as required for inpatient care at MUH as far as possible within the normal working hours of the ward.
- Participate in formal handover and ensure effective communication between clinicians (with particular regard to deteriorating patients), while meeting standards of care.
- Comply with MQ Health policies and procedures and the MUH By-laws.
- In consultation with the admitting doctor, ensure appropriate arrangements are made for patients on discharge from MUH to maximise continuity of care, patient-centred care and good health outcomes – including timely and respectful liaison with patient's family, carers and general practitioner as appropriate.
- Adapt clinical practice in accordance with contemporary evidence based best practice.
- If required participate in an on-call roster (under the direction of clinical supervisor(s) or senior medical staff) and when on call, be within an accessible distance in order to respond to urgent and precipitous events.
- Make decisions concerning patients in consultation with your immediate supervisor and team.
- Promptly advise your supervisor, admitting doctor or senior medical staff of any concerns you have regarding a patient's condition or management.

Administrative

- Attend Discipline, Program and MQ Health meetings as required by your supervisor(s).
- Participate in Discipline/Program Morbidity and Mortality meetings and other meetings deemed compulsory by your supervisor(s).
- Provide a minimum of four weeks' notification of planned/intended leave arrangements (personal or work related) ensuring adequate coverage is arranged and signed off by your primary supervisor and the Clinical Training Manager.
- Notify your supervisor(s) immediately of any event that may give rise to a complaint or medico legal claim and complete the appropriate incident notification forms.

Quality and Research Activities

- Participate in Discipline, Program, Hospital and MQ Health quality assurance projects.
- Ensure compliance with the standards contained within the ACSQHC National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards for accreditation.
- Participate in clinical quality activities – such as peer review, clinical practice audit, root cause analysis etc.
- Participate in Discipline and/or Program Mortality and Morbidity meetings, Sentinel Event meetings, or peer review meetings and root cause analysis teams as requested by your supervisor.
- Systematically review clinical performance of self and discipline.
- Participate in patient complaint reviews and responses to patient complaints.

Supervision, Training and Education

- Provide multidisciplinary clinical supervision, training and education in patient care environments including for nursing, allied health, junior medical staff and other members of the multidisciplinary team.
- Assist, supervise and teach junior medical staff.
- Attend and actively participate in relevant education sessions and grand rounds.
- If required, present at and represent MQ Health at relevant internal and external conferences, grand rounds, and similar sessions in support of advancing the academic mission of MQ Health.
- Participate in journal clubs for relevant Discipline and/or Program.
- Provide advice and mentorship to individual students and learners where appropriate.

Professional development, continuing education and maintenance of standards

- Participation in relevant college training program and exam preparation.
- In partnership with clinical supervisor(s) seek opportunities to ensure development of clinical experience.
- In partnership with clinical supervisor(s) develop and implement a professional development, education and training plan.
- Complete and provide evidence of Continuing Medical Education and Development.

Skills and competencies

Qualifications

- MBBS or equivalent qualification and registration as a medical practitioner in Australia
- Successful completion of FRACP – written and clinical examinations or an equivalent qualification with eligibility for FRACP recognition.

Skills and Experience

- Eligible to be an active Accredited Practitioner of MUH.
- Experience in neurophysiological diagnostic techniques is desirable.
- Proven commitment to education and research.
- Demonstrated excellent interpersonal and communication skills with a wide range of stakeholders including patients and other health professionals.



- Demonstrated ability to work effectively within a multidisciplinary team environment.
- Knowledge of and commitment to continuous improvement, evidence based practice and promoting a culture of safety, quality, innovation and best practice in clinical practice, teaching and research.
- Commitment to uphold and be a steward of the Mission, Vision and Values of MQ Health

Role Specific Conditions

- AHPRA General Medical Registration
- Working with Children Check Clearance for NSW
- National Criminal Record Check
- Immunisation and Vaccinations Check