



## **Advanced Trainee, Geriatric Medicine**

### **Position Summary:**

St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne (SVHM) is a leading teaching, research and tertiary health service, which employs more than 5,000 staff across 18 sites throughout Melbourne.

Part of Australia's largest not-for-profit Catholic health and aged care network, St Vincent's Health Australia, SVHM provides a diverse range of adult clinical services including acute medical and surgical services, sub-acute care, medical diagnostics, rehabilitation, allied health, mental health, palliative care, correctional health and community residential care.

SVHM's mission is to provide high quality and efficient health services to the people of Victoria in accordance with the philosophy of St Vincent's Health Australia. This mission is based on the values of compassion, justice, integrity and excellence.

St Vincent's is accredited with the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) for 24 months of core training in Geriatric Medicine and is the lead hospital for the Victorian Geriatric Medicine Training Program (VGMTP). We are part of the Northern Training Alliance.

5 full time Advanced Trainees will be appointed to the Department of Geriatric Medicine.

Trainees generally have three rotations of 4 months duration based out of St Vincent's Hospital campus in Fitzroy, St George's Hospital campus in Kew and the surrounding community.

All rotations are reviewed to ensure that our trainees get exposure to the wide range of services at St Vincent's including:

1. GEM (Fitzroy and Kew)
2. Acute Care of the Elderly and Orthogeriatrics (Fitzroy)
3. Specialty clinics (CDAMS, Geriatric Medical, Continence, Falls & Balance, Older Persons Pain, Onco-Geriatric, Structural Heart Disease)
4. Residential In-Reach
5. GEM@Home
6. Aged Care Assessment Service (ACAS), HIP and inpatient consultations.
7. Exposure to Psychogeriatrics

Under the direction of the Geriatricians/Clinical Director of Geriatric Medicine, core duties are focused on the provision of day to day clinical management of patients and undertaking appropriate administrative duties.



These responsibilities include:

- Communication with the patient, or with family/carers (where appropriate) about his/her condition and management
- Communication and coordinating effective admission and discharge management plans, diagnostic requests and consultations
- Attend ward rounds, team meetings, family meetings and participation in other departmental/hospital meetings
- Attend outpatient clinics, community assessments, and residential care facilities
- Supervision and teaching of junior medical staff and medical students
- Participation in afterhours/on-call roster
- Proactive involvement in education opportunities including the Victorian Geriatric Medicine Training Program

We pride ourselves on offering trainees a supportive and friendly working environment. Trainees are entitled to five hours per week of training including weekly journal club, six weekly project support meetings, clinical and quality assurance meetings, grand rounds, fortnightly state wide training, alliance training and project time. There is emphasis on developing clinical leadership skills and working within multi-disciplinary teams. There are also opportunities to participate in research, hospital committees and service development.

**Please note:**

For 2023, applicants will need to apply to **both** St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne as well as to the Post Graduate Medical Council of Victoria Matching Service (PMCV).

All appointments will be made through a centralised match.

Please visit <https://www.vgmp.org/centralised-match.html> for more details.

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