

## Pain Fellow position Description

Candidates should apply to Michelle Dohnt at [michelled@precisionhealth.com.au](mailto:michelled@precisionhealth.com.au) for trainee registration and to determine the training requirements (<http://www.fpm.anzca.edu.au>).

Closing date for applications are the 15<sup>th</sup> of July 2018

Pain Medicine training at Precision Brain, Spine and Pain Centre offers a high standard of training in all areas of Pain Medicine, covering acute pain, complex pain (in-patients), chronic pain and post-surgery pain management.

Training is accredited by the Faculty of Pain Medicine (FPM) of the Australian & New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA) towards Fellowship of FPM.

The Precision position is ideally suited to the 12 month core training in Pain Medicine, and options for the 2nd year of training (professional development year) can be considered and facilitated through links with other centres in Victoria.

We are seeking either:

- Advanced trainees nearing completion of medical speciality training in their primary specialty or
- Holders of relevant medical fellowship specialties: Anaesthetists, Rehabilitation Medicine physicians and other specialties.
- Pain Medicine
- The field of Pain Medicine recognises that the management of severe pain problems requires the skills of more than one medical craft group. Such problems include:
- Acute pain (post operative, acute episodes of pain in "medical conditions").
- Persistent (chronic) pain (including over 200 conditions described in the International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP) Taxonomy of Chronic Pain 2nd Edition, such as phantom limb pain, post-herpetic neuralgia, mechanical low back pain)

The pain medicine specialist serves both as a consultant to other physicians and often as the principal treating physician. The spectrum of care provided by a pain specialist includes medical assessment and management including prescribing medication, directing a multidisciplinary team for rehabilitative management, counselling patients and families, performing pain relieving/modulating procedures, collaborating with other health care professionals, liaising with public and private agencies, updating, teaching and research in best practice of pain medicine.

The Fellowship in Pain Medicine is a post-specialisation qualification in Australia and New Zealand. Thus, those wishing to enter the field usually will either have or be training toward a specialist qualification in one of the participating specialties, namely anaesthesia, rehabilitation medicine, surgical specialties, psychiatry, a branch of internal medicine, or general practice.

## **Educational Goals**

- The successful candidate would be expected to develop advanced skills in pain management which will include:
- Acute Pain, including post-operative ward rounds, post-trauma, post-burns and acute episodes of pain in "medical conditions".
- Chronic Pain, working in multidisciplinary pain management with full understanding and management of physical, psychological and social factors involved in service delivery
- Cancer Pain management in all aspects
- Pain related interventions: indications, assessment of patient suitability, complications and technical skills (if required)
- Basic research skills and quality management in health care.
- Structure

The training programme offers a 12 month appointment, working across chronic pain service, and << for acute pain. Trainees participate in the teaching programme run jointly by accredited FPM centres in Melbourne. There are regular onsite pain education activities.

## **After Hours Commitment**

The Fellow is not expected to participate in after-hours rosters. Training will occur "in hours" and is the priority activity. Time for consulting in the primary specialty field of the trainee (for example a rehabilitation medicine outpatient clinic, or an anaesthetic list) will be negotiated with Precision at the time of application.

## **Remuneration**

Remuneration is according to the Victorian HMO Award

## **Applicant**

The applicant would need to have:

- Registration as a medical practitioner with the Australian Health Practitioners Registration Agency (APRHA) Fellowship in designated Specialty or be an advanced trainee in specialty training (see above)
- Registered as a Trainee with Faculty of Pain Medicine
- Be intending to complete Fellowship of the Faculty of Pain Medicine by Qualification, Training and Examination.