

6 Month Palliative Care Post at the Whittle Ward Hobart

Preamble

Palliative care is an important part of all GP's knowledge and skill base. All GP's need to have a basic understanding of pain control medication, the symptom relief techniques and basic counselling techniques relevant to people with terminal illnesses.

Some GPs are now specialising in palliative care medicine. This is particularly true in regional and remote areas of Australia. A special skills post would enable a GP registrar to experience in some detail the specialty of palliative medicine.

The Post

This is a 6 month full time special skills post based at the Whittle Ward in Hobart. The job involves working with the other palliative care specialists in managing both in patient and out patient palliative care patients. It also involves attendance at various hospital unit meetings and liaison with units such as the Homan Clinic. It will enable the registrar to work in a multi-disciplinary team. There may also opportunities for teaching and research.

Supervision

The supervisor for this post is Professor Ashby who is the director of palliative care medicine at the Royal Hobart Hospital Ph: (03) 62 202400. Supervision will be available at all times by a senior palliative care specialist when the registrar is on call.