

## **The Polar Medicine Unit of the Australian Antarctic Division for Davis, Mawson, Casey Stations and Macquarie Island.**

Are you a doctor looking for a challenge?

Supported by three full-time doctors at the AAD's Head Office in Kingston, Antarctic medical practitioners (AMPs) provide surgical, medical and dental care to our isolated Antarctic communities.

The medical practitioner at each of our four stations is the only doctor for about 12 months, providing health care services for a group of expeditioners that can fluctuate from approximately 12 in winter to around 75 in the summer season (October – March).

Passengers and crew on expedition voyages sometimes call at the station several times during the summer for a few days and this can increase that number.

Every expeditioner must pass stringent pre-departure medical checks so health is generally not a significant problem. However, medical, surgical and dental emergencies do still occur and the doctor is responsible for dealing with these.

As well as supporting Antarctic health care, the AAD's Polar Medicine Unit conducts a [research program](#) aimed at increasing our knowledge of how humans interact with the Antarctic environment.

The experience of living and working in this remote region is very different from that of most suburban or rural practices and most doctors look back on their time in this beautiful, harsh and icy environment as stimulating and rewarding.

For more information see:

- [Antarctic Medical Practitioner recruitment information](#) [specific position description and application forms]

## **These posts are accredited for GP registrar training**

### ACRRM accreditation

1. The posts will be Full Accreditation at 0.25 FTE for Primary Rural and Remote (PRR)
2. The posts will be Full Accreditation at 1.0 FTE capped at 9 months total allowable time for recognition as a Remote Medicine AST, to allow the registrar to take time in another post to cover parts of the curriculum which cannot be covered in the Antarctic (Eg Indigenous Health) ACRRM would like GPTT to configure something to cover off a complete 12 month post in Remote, comprised of the 9 months Polar Medicine and 3 months other
3. Time in the Antarctic can be considered for covering off an AST plus some PRR- eg 14 months would give 9 months AST and 1.25 months PRR (at 0.25 FTE)
4. We would have an expectation for some feedback from GPTT as to the success of the post after the first ACRRM registrars to go through
5. We can consider time spent doing intensive training in the lead up to going to the Antarctic, but as this training is variable depending on the skills and experience of the person we would need to look at this on a case by case basis.

### **RACGP Accreditation**

The posts are accredited for subsequent time general practice at 0.5 FTE