

# Victorian Medical Oncology Training Programme

## Position Description for ATSM

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<b>Position Title</b>	<b>Medical Oncology Registrar</b>
Position/Rotation Duration	3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb 2020 – 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2021
Hospital/Employer	Western Health
Department	Medical Oncology
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Training year:	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Number of positions:	2
This position is eligible for <input type="checkbox"/> One 12 months position	
<b>Selection Criteria/Capabilities</b>	
As per VMOTP	
<b>Additional Information/Requirements</b>	
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**Position Description/Summary**

The Oncology Service at Western Health provides for a wide range of services related to the treatment of oncological diseases. The service manages approximately 9000 inpatient admissions per year, with approximately 85% of admissions attending the oncology day unit. The oncology service also manages approximately 9000 outpatient attendances each year. The inpatient unit and Day oncology are based at the Sunshine Hospital campus and outpatient clinics are run between both the Footscray and Sunshine campuses.

The forecast for growth in the Western suburbs over the next decade shows a likelihood increase in the population by over a quarter of a million, with the number of people in the catchment area nearing the size of Tasmania. Services include inpatient ward, Oncology Hospital in the Home and the Day oncology Ward, providing care to patients, across the continuum of their treatment plan. The Western Health Oncology Service predominantly manages solid tumour malignancies, but also provides additional expertise in the management of haematological conditions (both benign and malignant) for Western Health with the appointment of three consultant haematologists.

Cancer Services at Western Health are actively involved in teaching and research programs. The teaching program includes teaching of undergraduate and postgraduate medical personnel, nursing staff and allied health staff. There is a formal education program for trainees including fortnightly journal clubs, presentations at professorial grand rounds and teaching. There is also a dedicated mentorship program for each trainee. The unit is accredited by the Royal Australasian College of Physicians for training two advanced trainee registrars. The oncology department is actively involved in clinical trials and is a member of Cancer Trials Australia and participates with the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Cancer Research. The unit is staffed by 6 registrars, two medical oncology advanced trainees, one haematology trainee, one palliative care trainee, one radiation oncology trainee and one rotating general medicine registrar. Both oncology registrars are based at Sunshine Hospital and will divide ward responsibilities and consultations equally. The two registrars will also attend 3 outpatient clinics each between the two campuses (Footscray and Sunshine) and will attend multidisciplinary meetings. Clinics will be rotated throughout the year to give registrar's experience in various tumour streams. The general medical registrar oversees the day oncology unit as well as the Symptom and Urgent Review Clinic (SURC). All registrars share on call responsibilities exclusively for oncology and are not on call for other units. There is also an oncology research fellow. Resident cover is provided by 4 experienced house staff. There is a supervisory role for the 4 residents (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year). There are no interns attached to the unit. The physical structure of the unit has recently been renovated with a modern inpatient unit as well as a new and extensive day oncology unit.

A full range of solid and haematological tumours are seen with the predominant types reflecting community demography. The main types are breast, colorectal, lung, upper GI, urogenital, gynaecology and malignant haematology. There are multimodality tumour board meetings and clinics held in each of the major tumour disciplines. Teaching is provided on an individual basis from the consultant staff. There are sixteen sessional consultant oncologists as well as extensive liaison with the radiation oncologists. Radiation services are provided by Sunshine Radiation Oncology centre (linked to Peter Mac) and by radiation Oncology Victoria at Western Private Hospital. There is a full time palliative care service with three consultant palliative care physicians, an accredited palliative care registrar as well as palliative care nursing. Ten inpatient palliative care beds are available and supervised by the palliative care team at the Sunshine campus.

Radiation Oncologists are available for immediate consultation and teaching. There is an extensive interest in clinical trials and the opportunity to participate in these is available to the registrars. The registrars will be expected to present at unit meetings, professorial grand rounds and hospital grand rounds. The

registrars are encouraged to attend scientific meetings and time will be made available. Funding will be considered if abstracts are submitted and accepted.

### **Key Responsibilities**

-Both oncology registrars are based in Sunshine Hospital where there are 24 inpatient beds. They will be responsible for consultations and will attend multidisciplinary meetings. Registrars will attend 3 clinics a week and clinics will rotate throughout the year to give opportunity for exposure to managing a variety of tumour types.

-Supervisory role for 4 residents (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year)

-Involvement in clinical trials

-On call roster in Oncology

-Presentation at unit meetings, professorial reports and grand rounds

### **On Call**

Shared between 5 registrars- one in five roster