



POST-FELLOWSHIP POSITION IN TRAUMA
SURGERY
ROYAL DARWIN HOSPITAL, NORTHERN
TERRITORY.

- Hospital:** Royal Darwin Hospital
Top End Health Service. NT. AUS.
- Position:** Surgical Fellow in Trauma and Rural Surgery
- Director:** Dr Jodie-Kate Williams
- Specialty:** General Surgery

PFET Program in Trauma Surgery status: Accredited

Clinical Duties:

The Trauma Fellow position at Royal Darwin Hospital (RDH) is funded by the National Critical Care and Trauma Response Centre (NCCTRC) and is designed for a General Surgeon seeking to develop a broad skill-base in trauma surgery and acute care surgery outside the normal domain of a metropolitan surgeon. The Fellow is embedded within the Division of Surgery at RDH and the position also involves clinical outreach work at Palmerston Hospital, and regional hospitals in Katherine and Gove. The catchment area for RDH incorporates Darwin, the East Arnhem region and the Katherine region to the South East. Patients may also be retrieved from the Kimberley region of Western Australia, as well as areas of Indonesia, back to RDH for management.

Trauma:

The Trauma Team at RDH is a consultative service and actively case-manages all Trauma inpatients with moderate to serious injuries, from time of admission to discharge. Case management is provided through a multi-disciplinary model seven days a week. Along with the Trauma Director, the Trauma Fellow leads coordination of this team with inpatient ward rounds, attendance at trauma calls on presentation to the Emergency Department, and collaboration between other specialist teams.

The Trauma Fellow is part of the RDH Trauma Management Committee, which incorporates both hospital and pre-hospital services. This involves attendance at management meetings, M+M meetings and Trauma Grand Rounds. Regular Trauma meetings are also held with teams in Katherine and Gove Hospital to discuss issues, improvements, barriers and successes related to trauma patients that have been managed initially, or entirely within these regional hospitals.

The Trauma Fellow is also encouraged to become involved in the extensive education program that NCCTRC runs throughout the year. This program incorporates numerous courses focusing on Trauma Care education, Disaster and Mass Casualty training and focused skills for Australian Medical Assistance Teams (AUSMAT). The courses are held in Darwin and in a number of regional and remote centres throughout the Northern Territory. The Trauma Fellow is expected to act as instructor for Trauma care courses and also encouraged to enrol in other courses run during the course of their contract.

Elective Surgery:

The Trauma Fellow is allocated to the RDH General Surgery units for 3 or 6-month rotations throughout their contract and is expected to participate in all activities of each unit they are assigned to. These activities include Outpatient clinics, Elective and Emergency Theatres, Scope lists and Scope clinics. On average, this involves two all-day elective lists, three half-day clinics and one all-day scope list per week. During their attachment to the Surgical Acute Care Unit, the role of the Fellow is to manage and run the Emergency operating list at Royal Darwin Hospital.

There are also opportunities whilst at RDH to gain exposure to cases in Vascular Surgery, Urology, Plastic Surgery and Neurosurgery, both in an emergency and elective setting.

On-call Duties:

Along with the three General Surgery Fellows at RDH, the Trauma Fellow participates in a 1:4 first on-call night roster on weekdays (17.30 – 07.30) and 1:4 weekends (17.30-07.30 on-call, 07.30 – 11.00 in emergency operating theatre).

Formal Research Component:

The Trauma Fellow is expected to complete a Research project during their time in Darwin. A Research Nurse is employed within the RDH Trauma Team and is able to assist with this project.

Requirements for application:

FRACS: or equivalent

ATLS/EMST certification: current

DSTC certification: current

Duration of appointment: 12 months

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Usual application date: August

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