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Reminder: ANZPM voluntary member participation in a survey

Members are reminded that Dr Silvaraj Rajadorai is seeking voluntary participation in a survey:

Subcutaneous Anti-Epileptic Agents for the Prevention & Management of Seizures in the Deteriorating & Dying Patient: Identifying Palliative Care Clinicians Experience and Current Practice:

Our practice around the prevention and management of seizures in the deteriorating and dying patient varies.

This brief questionnaire (10 minutes to complete) seeks to understand clinician practices, knowledge and experience around the utilisation of subcutaneous anti-epileptic medications as there is growing awareness of this practice world-wide.

Responses to this questionnaire will be anonymous.

To access this externally-managed survey, please visit the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JV3NYT2>

The survey link will be open for two months.

Member input sought on issue of corneal transplantation

We are looking for members who have successfully implemented corneal transplantation into pall care units and who would be willing to share their experience with another member. Please email info@anzspm.org.au.

GOVERNMENT NEWS

NZ Parliament: End of Life Choices Bill – submission deadline extended

Submissions on the Bill have now been extended to **6 March 2018**. The ANZSPM Aotearoa Executive is encouraging all NZ members to make a submission. ANZSPM will also make a submission. To make a submission, visit the NZ Parliament [website](#).

ACT Parliament: Inquiry into End of Life Choices in the ACT – deadline extended

The date for lodgement of submissions to this Inquiry has been extended **Friday 23 March 2018**. To view the terms of reference and make a submission, visit the ACT Parliament [website](#).

Consultation on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander action plan

The Aged Care Sector Committee Diversity Sub-group is developing an action plan to address the specific barriers and challenges faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander elders when accessing aged care. The action plan will sit under the [Aged Care Diversity Framework](#), launched in December 2017.

To inform the action plan, the Institute for Urban Indigenous Health and the Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation are consulting with a range of stakeholders and now invite you to have your say via an online [survey](#) which closes on 26 February 2018.

More information can be found in the attached [communiqué](#).

EVENTS

ANZSPM events

Aoteroa Trainee Day, North Shore Hospice, Auckland NZ

17 March 2018 . Registrations are now open. Programme and registration form are available on the ANZSPM [website](#).

Aoteroa Annual Education Update and Trainee Day, Wellington NZ

29 June 2018 – Trainee Day

30 June 2018 – 1 July 2018 - Education Meeting

ANZSPM Conference 2018

6-9 September 2018 Manly, Sydney, Australia

Other events

Spirituality Workshop, Newcastle, March 3-4 2018

Registration is open for this workshop for health professionals which will focus on the spiritual dimension of palliative care and will be facilitated by Prof Doug Bridge who has pioneered palliative medicine in Australia and Asia since 1983. Please see [flyer](#) on the ANZSPM website events page for more information.

POSITIONS VACANT

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Medical Officer – Palliative Care

12 Month Fixed Term Contract, Full Time.



The Wesley is currently seeking a Medical Officer - Palliative Care to join their team for a 12 Month Full Time tenure.

The Wesley Hospital is one of Queensland's largest private hospitals. With over 530 beds, the hospital offers a comprehensive range of clinical services across 35 areas of specialty with over 800 accredited referring specialists.

Applications are invited for the position of Medical Officer within the Palliative Care department, with the tenure beginning in February 2018. This is a full time position for an initial period of 12 months.

The Palliative Care Service has a dedicated 17 bed palliative care unit staffed by a cohesive and effective multidisciplinary team. This is a unique arrangement within a tertiary private hospital.

Referrals are dominantly from the Wesley's very large private oncology service and other specialty areas. The model of care is acute and often shared with other treating specialists. There are over 800 admissions per year. The Service provides hospital wide consultation liaison for symptom control in advanced illness and holistic management of terminally ill patients. Excellent diagnostic and interventional radiology is readily available and considerable depth of exposure to the fields of medical and radiation oncology, and the full range of medical and surgical specialties can be expected.

The unit is accredited by the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Physicians for advanced fellowship and post-graduate diploma trainees.

Want more information?

Please contact Dr. Ralph McConaghy, Medical Director Palliative Care, 07 3232 7043 or by email to john.mcconaghy@uhealth.com.au.

Alternatively, you can contact the Director of Medical Services offices on (07) 3232 7926

www.wesley.com.au

Positions Vacant
Staff Specialist Palliative Care
Full time (76hrs/fn)



Applications are sought from an appropriately qualified medical practitioner for the role of Staff Specialist – Palliative Care.

The Wesley Hospital is one of Queensland's largest private hospitals. With over 530 beds, the hospital offers a comprehensive range of clinical services across 35 areas of specialty with over 800 accredited referring specialists and services more than 75,000 people each year.

The Wesley Hospital has a dedicated 17 bed Palliative Care Unit, staffed by a cohesive and effective multidisciplinary team. This is a unique arrangement within a tertiary private hospital. The Palliative Care Unit has over 800 admissions per year. Referrals are predominantly from The Wesley's very large private oncology service and other specialty areas. The model of care is acute and often shared with other treating specialists. Excellent diagnostic and interventional radiology, along with a wide range of medical and surgical specialty consultation, is readily available. The position is salaried and remuneration is based upon experience and qualifications.

The successful applicant would work with the current director in sharing responsibility for the unit inpatient care and liaison consultation throughout the hospital. This would also include rostered on-call and weekend work. The

teaching of nursing and medical students, junior medical staff, general practitioner and medical specialty trainees is expected as part of the role.

Candidates will possess the following qualifications and experience:

- FACHPM or FRACP or equivalent
- Current registration as a Medical Practitioner in the State of Queensland
- Accredited as a medical practitioner with admitting privileges in accordance with The Wesley Hospital By-laws
- Possess sound knowledge of management principles, including capacity to form and provide clinical leadership of multi-disciplinary teams
- Demonstrate excellent interpersonal, oral and written communication skills
- Able to identify with the Mission and Philosophy of The Wesley Hospital
- Demonstrated understanding of human resources practices, equal employment opportunity issues, workplace health and safety and continuous quality improvement

Want more information?

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Hospice West Auckland has provided Specialist Palliative Medicine services to the community of West Auckland, the super city's largest and most rapidly growing region with a complex and diverse demographic, for more than three decades. We are seeking applications for a Palliative Medicine Specialist - Clinical Lead (0.8 or 1.0 FTE) to join our professional and dedicated specialist team.

Hospice West Auckland has a strong community focus and the majority of patients are cared for in their own homes by our multidisciplinary teams - in partnership with primary care providers. We also provide Specialist Palliative Medicine services support and advice to primary care, aged residential care teams and also contract these services directly into Waitakere Hospital. This role therefore provides a unique career opportunity to work as part of a team across Hospice West Auckland and Waitakere Hospital.

The development of how Hospice West Auckland are delivering care in the community and in our specialist palliative care beds facility, the Kowhai Suite, is of vital importance to our on-going success. As are the consultancy services and the learning opportunities we provide to a wide range of professionals and consumers.

As an integral part of the Executive Team, your strong leadership and management skills will place you at the forefront of leading our service and implementing our strategy. This role will therefore encompass both clinical leadership and people management of a medical team including Palliative Medicine Specialist, Medical Officers and Clinical Pharmacist. You will also be included in a reciprocal arrangement whereby a number of specialists work in support of one another to provide afterhours support and leave cover.

Successful candidates will hold a Specialist Palliative Medicine qualification (FRACP, FACHPM or equivalent) and be registered (or registerable) with the Medical Council of New Zealand.

Our Te Atatu Peninsula facility is well-appointed and only a ten minute drive from Auckland City (travelling against the traffic) with free parking at the door, and beaches and walking tracks on your doorstep. You will work with a dedicated team of like-minded professionals committed to best practice and innovation. If you are from overseas or outside Auckland, we can discuss with you the logistics of immigration and relocation, to make your move as smooth as possible.

For further information about Hospice West Auckland, please visit our website at www.hwa.org.nz To discuss this role in confidence ring Barbara Williams, Chief Executive Officer on 021 774 953. We welcome your expressions of interest or applications via email to Janet Long, People and Culture Manager - JanetL@hwa.org.nz



Medical Officer – Palliative Care Hospice West Auckland

Hospice West Auckland has provided Specialist Palliative Medicine services to the community of West Auckland, the super city's largest and most rapidly growing region with a complex and diverse demographic, for more than three decades. We are seeking applications for a full time Medical Officer (1 FTE) to join our professional and dedicated specialist palliative care team.

Hospice West Auckland has a strong community focus and the majority of patients are cared for in their own homes by our multidisciplinary teams - in partnership with primary care providers. We also operate a specialist palliative in-patient beds facility (the Kowhai Suite).

As a Medical Officer in Palliative Medicine your role will encompass:
community and inpatient care

- outpatient clinics and home visits

- supervising and mentoring Hospice West Auckland nursing & social care staff
- inter/multidisciplinary involvement
- day to day support of primary care providers
- involvement in delivery of training and education
- opportunities to practice across varied health settings
- after hours on-call service provision as rostered across the team

In this role you will be directly supporting patients and their family/whanau in addressing the complex medical acuity and psychosocial issues surrounding life limiting illness and end of life. This opportunity will enrich your experience and provide you with exciting opportunities for professional development and challenging work fulfilment.

In joining Hospice West Auckland, you will become part of a forward looking and innovative specialist palliative care team under an experienced Palliative Medicine Specialist Consultant who will support and extend you in this specialist area.

Not only is this a great job in a progressive specialist service but it also provides you with the opportunity to partake in the wonderful activities, lifestyle and events that Auckland and its environs provide.

An interest in professional development the field of Palliative Care along with a completed Medical degree qualification and five years post qualification experience is required along with registration with the New Zealand Medical Council and a full unrestricted New Zealand driver's license.

For further information about this opportunity please contact Janet Long, People & Culture Manager on janetl@hwa.org.nz or call 027 702 3901.

A number of other positions have recently been advertised on the ANZSPM website – visit the [ANZSPM Jobs](#) pages for details.

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