
REGISTRAR - HISTOPATHOLOGY

SOUTH AUCKLAND HEALTH - RMO RUN DESCRIPTION

REVISION DATE : NOVEMBER 2005

Job Title: Registrar

Department: Laboratory Services
Histopathology

Location : Middlemore Hospital

Responsible To: Group Manager: Laboratory and through their consultant and Clinical Head to the Clinical Director of Clinical Support Services.

Functional Relationships: Patients
Hospital and community based health care workers especially hospital medical staff and laboratory technical and clinical staff.

Accreditation: This run is accredited by the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia for advanced training.

Primary Objective: To assist in diagnostic investigation and treatment of patients who have been referred to the Laboratory Services.

Laboratory Duties:

Cut up of surgical specimens:
The Registrar will perform cut up of surgical specimens as rostered and to the satisfaction of Consultant Histopathologists.

Histopathology reporting:
The Registrar will make written reports on the histopathology of each of the surgical specimens previously cut up, under supervision of Consultant Histopathologists.

Clinical consultation:
Where necessary, the Registrar will consult with clinical staff about pathological findings and be prepared to offer advice regarding further investigation and therapy. Some of this activity will occur in the setting of routine service orientated clinicopathology meetings.

Autopsy:
The Registrar will perform autopsies under the supervision of Consultant Histopathologists and be prepared to demonstrate gross findings to clinical staff and complete a written report of autopsy findings in a timely fashion.

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Research/Review:

Where appropriate, the Registrar will engage in clinicopathological research and review activities and be prepared to present the findings to the peer group and or submit a report for publication.

Education: The Registrar will contribute to postgraduate educational activities within Histopathology and may be requested to teach other health care workers and medical students occasionally.

Research: A research project may be undertaken during the attachment subject to approval by the Manager.

Every effort should be made to undertake a research project.

Performance : Performance will be assessed by a Consultant Pathologist who will usually be the first Pathologist the Registrar works with. Performance will be assessed using the criteria above and will be discussed at formal meetings at the beginning of the attachment and again after three months and six months. If deficiencies are identified during the attachment, the Consultant Pathologist will bring these to the Registrar's attention and discuss how they may be corrected.

Run Category: Category E

Length of Run: 6 months

Annual Leave: Each Registrar is expected to take 2 weeks annual leave during the run. More or less leave can be taken with the agreement of other junior doctors and the seniors in the speciality. A relieving Registrar is not available to cover for annual leave.

Roster: Rostered hours of work are approximately 40-45 per week. The Registrar participates in a 1:7 call-back roster for Saturday morning autopsies. Expected call-back is no more than 4 hours, except in extremely unusual circumstances.

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Cover for Leave:

Absence from work due to sickness or annual leave will be covered by other medical staff within the department and on-call commitments will be covered by the other Registrars on the roster. Leave should therefore be co-ordinated with that of other medical staff.

Registrars sitting examinations of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia may apply for medical education leave during the attachment.

Salary:

The salary for this attachment is that applicable to Category E, as contained in the RMO collective employment contract. In addition the registrar will receive an on-call allowance and telephone allowance for participation in a 1:7 call-back roster.
