



# RUN DESCRIPTION

<b>POSITION:</b>	House Officer
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Surgery
<b>PLACE OF WORK:</b>	Auckland City Hospital
<b>RESPONSIBLE TO:</b>	Clinical Director and Manager RMO Support Unit, through a nominated Consultant.
<b>FUNCTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS:</b>	Healthcare consumers, Hospital and community based healthcare workers
<b>PRIMARY OBJECTIVE:</b>	To facilitate the management of patients under the care of Medical, Surgical and Cardiology services
<b>RUN RECOGNITION:</b>	This clinical attachment is accredited by the New Zealand Medical Council for prevocational training.
<b>RUN PERIOD:</b>	13 weeks

## Section 1: House Officer's Responsibilities

Area	Responsibilities
General	<p>Inform Facilitate the management of in-patients commensurate with and appropriate to the House Officers' skill level</p> <p>Manage the assessment and admission of acute and elective patients under the care of the service. Undertake clinical responsibilities as directed by the Registrar and/or Consultant, also organise relevant investigations, ensure the results are followed up, sighted and signed</p> <p>At the direction of the registrar, respond to requests by other health professionals to assess and treat in-patients under the care of other medical teams;</p> <p>Be responsible, under the supervision of a Registrar and/or Consultant for reviewing in-patients on a daily basis;</p>

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	Maintain a high standard of communication with patients, patients' families and staff; Inform consultants of the status of patients, especially if there is an unexpected event; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liaise with other staff members, departments, and General Practitioners in the management of in-patients</li> <li>• Communicate with patients and (as appropriate) their families about patients' illness and treatment;</li> <li>• Attend hand-over, team and departmental meetings as required</li> </ul>
Other Duties	Attend the Operating Room as required by the Registrar and/or Consultant; Attend Outpatient and pre-admission clinics as required by the Registrar and/or Consultant
Admitting	Assess patients assigned by the admitting Registrar. Take a history, perform a physical examination then formulate and initiate a management plan in consultation with the Registrar or Consultant
On-Call	<i>When on call, be available on long range locator to attend the hospital within 1 hour</i>
Administration	Maintain a satisfactory standard of documentation in the files of patients. All prescriptions and notes are to be signed, with a printed name and locator number legibly recorded; With the Registrar, be responsible for certifying death and complete appropriate documentation; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At the direction of the Clinical Director, assist with operational research in order to enhance the performance of the service</li> </ul> Obtain informed consent for procedures within the framework of the Medical Council guidelines which state: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>"The practitioner who is providing treatment is responsible for obtaining informed consent beforehand for their patient. The Medical Council believes that the responsibility for obtaining consent always lies with the consultant – as the one performing the procedure, they must ensure the necessary information is communicated and discussed."</i></li> <li>2. <i>"Council believes that obtaining informed consent is a skill best learned by the house surgeon observing consultants and experienced registrars in the clinical setting. Probationers should not take informed consent where they do not feel competent to do so."</i></li> </ol>

## Section 2: Training and Education

Nature	Details
<i>Protected Time</i>	<i>The following educational activities will be regarded as part of normal duties (unless attendance is required for other duties such as acute admitting or a medical emergency)</i> House Officer Teaching Tuesday 1400-1700 <i>The House Officer may also attend the following training in working hours if approved by the Registrar of the service where the House Officer is on duty.</i> Medical Science Lecture and Physicians Grand Round – Thursday 1100-1300

### Section 3: Roster

Responsibilities
<p><i>The House Officer will be required to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cover all services as instructed by the RMO Support Unit Manager.</li><li>• Assist in providing cover for the 'day' absences of a House Officer required to start night duty.</li><li>• 14 days notice will be given of any planned cover, including any after hours, weekend or night duties.</li><li>• Assist in Short Notice Relief at a frequency of 1:6.</li><li>• If not booked to cover planned leave, be available to cover unexpected absences between the hours of 0800-1600.</li><li>• The number of House Officers on any roster will vary depending on the department or service the Reliever is assigned to.</li><li>• The number of Registrars will vary depending on the department of services the Reliever is assigned to.</li></ul>

### Section 4: Performance Appraisal

Responsibilities
<p>The House Officer will arrange 4 service reports from services in which the House Officer worked during the run and the reports will be sighted and signed by the House Officer.</p>

## Section 6: Hours and Salary Category

Average Working Hours		Service Commitments
Basic hours (Mon-Fri)	40	The service, together with RMO Support Unit will be responsible for the preparation of any rosters.
RDO Hours	-3.39	
Rostered additional hours (Inc. nights, weekends and long days)	14.28	
All other unrostered hours	8.76	
Total average hours per week	59.65	

**Salary** The salary for this attachment will be as detailed for a Category C, however is remunerated at a Category **A**.