



RUN DESCRIPTION

POSITION:	House Officer	
DEPARTMENT:	Medical Centre/General Practice	
PLACE OF WORK:	Pukekohe Family Health Care	
RESPONSIBLE TO:	Clinical Supervisor for day to day supervision, clinical and training matters and Practice Support Manager of Pukekohe Family Health Care for operational workplace matters.	
FUNCTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS:	 Healthcare consumers and their whanau Multidisciplinary clinical and non-clinical practice staff Hospital based clinical and non-clinical staff Community based clinical and non-clinical staff Professional relationship with GP supervisor 	
EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSIPS:	Employed by Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora Counties Manukau and on secondment for the duration of the clinical attachment	
PRIMARY OBJECTIVE:	Involvement in the medical management of patients in a General Practice and the wider healthcare network, in a supportive and stimulating learning environment.	
RUN RECOGNITION:	The clinical attachment offered by Pukekohe Family Health Care and has been accredited by MCNZ as a Community Based Attachment. This run provides an opportunity to gain experience in a unique community healthcare environment within a supportive learning environment that will assist with meeting MCNZ requirements for a community experience.	
RUN PERIOD:	3 months	

Background

This clinical attachment is designed to provide House Officers with hands on experience and one-on-one teaching from a vocationally registered General Practitioner (GP) in a supportive and stimulating primary care environment. The generalist learning experience provides an excellent foundation for all vocational pathways.

The key concepts of General Practice that will be applied during the training will include:

- Patient-centred care
- The broad scope of general practice and/or urgent care
- Working in a multidisciplinary environment across traditional boundaries
- · Evidence-based practice within the constraints of the community

The House Officer will be immersed in the cultural diversity within the local area and gain a greater understanding of community practice and the issues facing General Practitioners and physicians working with patients of high complexity. The attachment will also provide an opportunity for the consolidation of clinical skills that will serve the House Officer in a future general scope of practice by providing a wide range of practical and clinical experience.

Work Setting

Clinical training will include a range of relevant opportunities and will occur at Pukekohe Family Health Care.

About the Practice

Pukekohe Family Health Care is a primary healthcare provider located in Pukekohe, New Zealand. It offers a range of medical services to individuals and families, focusing on general health care, preventive services, and treatment for acute and chronic conditions. The facility provides high-quality, patient-centered care in a friendly and supportive environment. They cater to a wide demographic, aiming to meet the diverse healthcare needs of the local community with a current population of 16,000.

Section 1: Clinical Attachment

Training will occur at Pukekohe Family Health Care, 10 West St, Pukekohe. The practice is typically open from 8am - 5.30pm, Monday – Friday.

House Officer learning is supervised to ensure it is objectives driven, targeted to House Officer learning needs and includes an understanding of safe conduct in a community environment.

The House Officer will be allocated time to review and become familiar with the practice's safety standards which will be covered during the orientation period at the beginning of the attachment. Workplace safety issues are the responsibility of the provider and House Officers will comply with the practice's safety standards.

Objectives

Training Programme Objectives:	Achieved by:	
To experience and participate in primary care within a general practice clinic.	Exposure to a highly functioning general practice environment	
To promote General Practice as a viable and rewarding career option.	Quality of experience Mentoring and clinician feedback/discussion Working within a team	
To appreciate patient context through exposure to general practice.	Supervisor and clinician feedback/discussion Interactions with patients and whanau Interactions with other health professionals	
To continue to acquire medical knowledge and expertise and to develop new clinical skills	Training objectives Exposure to the vast range of healthcare needs present in a generalist setting Mentoring and clinician feedback/discussion Exposure to primary care specific education and training	
To develop a sense of responsibility to patients, staff and community	Participation in peer review Exposure to practice culture and philosophy of care Development of trusted relationships with patients and whānau	
To develop appropriate interpersonal and communication skills	Customised input to meet the individual's specific needs Feedback from supervisor and peers Exposure to primary care specific education and training	
To gain an understanding of relevant cultures including Māori, Pacific and Asian	 Attending the Cultural Competencies in Health courses. Completing CALD-1 e-learning. Being exposed to the community of Counties Manukau Exposure to practice staff, culture and philosophy of care Interactions with patients and whānau 	

To develop collegial and peer associations and linkages

- Included in orientation to this programme
- · Mentoring and support.
- Participation in GP peer review group
- Attendance at GPEP1 education sessions

Learning Environment

The clinical experience will be facilitated in a planned and managed learning environment, through interactions between the House Officer and patients at Pukekohe Family Health Care as well as interactions with other health professionals.

Learning needs will be met through regular sessions with the clinical supervisor, interactions with other clinical and non-clinical staff as well as in-practice education sessions. The run will provide a representative experience of primary care and an opportunity to observe and participate in interactions between general practice and hospital services, as well as with other community-based providers such as health navigators, kaiāwhina, midwives, allied health, district nursing and will create a positive learning opportunity within the community.

Training is on an apprenticeship basis, and much learning is by example. The example set by the practice, GPs and other staff in the practice strongly influences the quality of the learning experience. This requires both good role modelling by the supervisors and active participation by the House Officer, with a willingness to give and receive constructive feedback.

It is a 'hands-on' placement where the House Officer will contribute to the work of the practice team and in return can grow and learn from the immersive experience. Supervision will ensure that learning is objectives-based, targeted to learning needs and that there is application of the principles of cultural appropriateness to practice.

Learning will be facilitated through:

- Experience with a multi-cultural community
- Interactions with patients and their whānau
- Working within a highly functioning multi-disciplinary general practice team
- Developing an appreciation of how care in community settings operates
- Interactions with other health professionals both within the practice team and in the local area
- Regular mentoring sessions with the GP supervisor or other experienced GPs
- Participation in education and training sessions, including peer group meetings

Specific Training Requirements and Expected Outcomes

During this attachment, the House Officer will be exposed to many different medical issues; urgent, emergency and elective. It is expected that the House Officer actively participates in all aspects of the practice offered.

It is expected that the House Officer will experience the following clinical presentations during the attachment:

- Acute illness
- Undifferentiated illness
- Long Term Conditions
- Prevention and health promotion
- Self management support
- Social complexity
- Obstetrics: early pregnancy through to post-natal care
- Women's health
- Child health
- Care for the elderly
- Mental health and addiction (acute and chronic)
- Musculoskeletal (acute and chronic)

	The House Officer will gain meaningful experience in general practice, become familiar with community-based services and better appreciate the interface issues between health professionals.	
Clinical Supervision	At PGY 2 level House Officers require a high degree of supervision and support. This is to ensure that the House Officer is exposed to a training environment that enables the successful completion of their desirable skills list throughout the run. In this model support/feedback and mentoring is offered to the trainee. The supervisors will accept responsibility for direct supervision on a day-to-day basis for the learning needs and the provision of clinical care during the attachment.	
	An experienced Fellow of the College of General Practitioners will be allocated to the House Officer as their primary clinical supervisor. The House Officer will be supervised at a level appropriate to their experience and responsibilities at all times. In the event of the primary clinical supervisor being unavailable a secondary clinical supervisor will be allocated.	
	The House Officer will work directly with the clinical supervisor. Clinical supervisors will have responsibility for the House Officer's patients and will: • Create and maintain a suitable individual learning environment for the House Officer • Act as a mentor to the House Officer	
	 Act as a mentor to the House Officer Ensure that a wide range of opportunities for clinical skill development is available 	
	 Ensure that the House Officer has a level of supervision appropriate to their needs. 	
	 Provide guidance to the House Officer on the development of clinical strategies and attainment of knowledge, and skills objectives. 	
	 Provide guidance and advice to House Officers on the cultural appropriateness of care. 	
	 Usually not have more than one House Officer under supervision at one time. Provide a report to the district which employs the House Officer via Health New Zealand – Te Whatu Ora Workforce Operations at the end of the placement 	
	 Arrange for an alternative supervisor to cover any periods of absence Liaise with other day to day clinical supervisors for feedback to inform ePort recordings 	
	Liaise with the Prevocational supervisor and/or Director of Clinical Training if and as needed.	

Section 2: House Officer Responsibilities

Area	Responsibilities
General	Understand the workplace policies and culture of the named General practice and set goals for practice within this framework
	 Work in a manner that demonstrates an awareness of and sensitivity to cultural diversity and the impact that may have on health goals unique to that patient. This requires an understanding of Māori health goals and working in accordance with the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi. It also requires an understanding of the different health needs of other minority ethnic groups, including needs that may be specific to Pacific Island and Asian peoples.
	 Maintain a high standard of communication with patients, patients' families and whānau
	 Maintain a high standard of communication with hospital and community health professionals and other staff.
	Attend scheduled multidisciplinary team review rounds, medical team and departmental meetings.
Administration	Maintain a satisfactory standard of documentation in the files of patients. All prescriptions and notes are to be signed, with a printed name legibly recorded
	Participate in research and audit as agreed with the training supervisor

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	Provide a report of their experience to their employing district on completion of the placement. Copies of this report will also go to the host practice and Te Whatu Ora – Northern Region.		
Clinical	To attend handover on all relevant rostered days		
	Under the supervision of the primary GP clinical supervisor or delegate, to be responsible for the assessment and management of patients attending for care (whether in person, online or at home) in line with the service timeframes		
	Undertake diagnostic and treatment procedures		
	 Develop, and implement management plans for patients in collaboration with the patient, family, whānau and other members of the multidisciplinary team 		
	Monitor and review management plans in accordance with changes in the clinical condition of patients		
	To maintain an accurate and legible clinical record for each patient, including:		
	 History, examination, diagnosis, problem list and plan Update clinical records as often as indicated by the patient's condition. All entries recorded with the time and date, signature, name and contact details. 		
	 To facilitate safe and efficient management of patients in the care of the GP service. This includes: 		
	 maintaining timely reviews of patients, particularly post diagnostic tests documentation of comprehensive management plans communication with relevant family, whanau and colleagues liaison with other services as required inc. referral 		
	To keep the primary GP clinical supervisor informed about problems as they arise, especially when/if the patient is seriously ill, causing significant concern or if there is an unexpected event		
	To participate in follow up related to hospital attendance or admission		
	To co-ordinate patients care through liaison with other services in a timely manner		

Section 3: Weekly Schedule

The House Officer's ordinary hours of work are Monday to Friday between the hours of 8am - 4.30pm, this includes a 30 minute unpaid lunch break which can be taken away from the community provider.

Appointment duration for House Officer will initially be no shorter than 30 minutes to allow time for learning, reflection and clarification of plans with GP supervisor. Shortening of the appointment duration may occur in the second half of the run by agreement between the on-site supervisor, House Officer and the Director of Clinical Training (or delegate).

During the attachment, the House Officer may be allocated to a range of clinical and non-clinical activities. These activities may include (but not limited to):

Clinical Activities:	Non-Clinical Activities:
Patient care including assessment, diagnosis, investigation and management.	Theoretical learning sessions
investigation and managementClinical documentation and administration	 Teaching (including preparation time and preparation of educational resources)
related to patient care	Networking with colleagues
 Discussion of cases with other clinicians both adhoc and as part of multidisciplinary meetings 	Supervision sessions
Review of investigations	Practice administration
Arranging acute admission to hospital	 General reading or research
	Planning meetings

- Referring for specialist advice and management, Preparation of clinical resources both private and public Engagement with whanau and/or other carers Clinical audit and quality assurance activities
 - Visiting other community services for a broader understanding of the primary healthcare environment
 - Case conferences and reviews
 - Telephone and other ad hoc consultations,
 - Preparation of clinical reports.

Section 4: Cover and Leave

There is one House Officer on this run and there is an experienced GP available on-site during all hours that the House Officer is required to work.

Cover for planned or unplanned leave is provided by the community provider.

House Officer	Community Provider and Counties Manukau
The House Officer will:	The Community Provider will:
Apply for leave as soon as possible; this leave will be covered by other GPs in the practice.	Arrange cover for leave when this has been approved by Health NZ Te Whatu Ora.
 Submit their application for leave to the RMO Support for processing. 	

Section 5: Training and Education:

Nature	Details
Protected Training Time	Protected training time of up to 4 hours per week will be allocated for CPE, professional self-development, medical learning and to attend teaching sessions with the training supervisor, and relevant teaching rounds.

- The House Officer is expected to contribute to the education of nursing, technical staff and medical staff when requested such as case presentations for learning purposes.
- The House Officer will be able to participate in a quality improvement project of some kind. This might include (but not limited to):
 - An audit of clinical practice
 - A project that furthers the aspirations or goals of the practice
 - Involvement in Practice Teaching
- Attendance at the PGY2 protected teaching workshop day will be rostered by arrangement with RMO Support and the Medical Education & Training Unit (one day per three month attachment).
- Pukekohe Family Health Care will provide in-house educational sessions in addition to mentoring and supervision from the primary GP clinical supervisor
- Attendance at GPEP (General Practice Education Program) teaching sessions

Section 7: Performance appraisal

Section 8: Hours and Salary Category

Average Working Hours		Service Commitments
Basic hours (Mon-Fri) 8am – 4.30 pm	40	The Service, together with RMO Workforce
Rostered additional hours (inc. nights, weekends & long days)	0	Operations will be responsible for the preparation any rosters.
All other unrostered hours	2	
Total hours per week	42	

Salary: The salary for this attachment will be as detailed as a F run category.