

Frankston Pain Management Pain Fellow Position Description

Job Title: Professional Development Stage (PDS) Pain Fellow
Status: Salaried employee.
Location: Frankston Pain Management, Frankston

Requirements: He/She will be a registered medical practitioner. The pain fellow is expected to have completed the Better Pain Management modules and Year 1 Core Training of the Faculty Pain Medicine ANZCA curriculum.

About Frankston Pain Management

Frankston Pain Management (FPMx) is a private pain clinic caring for patients with acute and chronic pain on the Frankston/Mornington Peninsula and Southeast Melbourne.

FPMx operates as part of a collaborative network of medical specialists and allied health providers to provide whole person care that integrates comprehensive medical management, physical rehabilitation, cognitive therapies and active self-management with interventional techniques.

About the Role

The Pain Fellow will provide compassionate evidence-based care of patients referred to FPMx, while using and learning the principles and practice of acute, chronic and cancer pain management. The Pain Fellow is expected to participate in patient care, educational, clinical research and quality assurance activities of FPMx.

The trainee is expected to develop advanced skills to manage a wide variety of acute medical and surgical pain, persistent (chronic) pain, cancer related pain and pain with comorbid mental health, substance use and psychosocial problems. He/she will learn about the timing, indications, preparations, complications and technical skills (if desired) for pain related interventions. They will learn basic research skills and quality management in healthcare.

The Pain Fellow will work with experienced Interventional Pain Specialists, be mentored in interdisciplinary care with education, medication, exercise and a wide range of procedures.

The Pain Fellow is expected to:

- Display values of service, reliability, integrity, compassion, respect, and excellence when carrying out duties and in dealing with patients, consumers and colleagues.
- Collaborate with Pain Medicine consultants, other health professionals and administrative staff in FPMx, to meet the physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs to ensure optimal patient outcomes.
- Practice ethical sound knowledge and evidence based clinical practice.
- Attend and participate in multidisciplinary meetings and case conferences discussing patient care.
- Assist with developing, implementing and evaluating management plans for patients with chronic pain.
- Maintain contemporaneous notes in the electronic health record, communicate findings and treatment plans by letter to referring doctors.
- In consultation with a pain medicine specialist, provide advice to other clinicians on management strategies for patients with complex or chronic pain.
- Provide quality patient handover to other clinicians.
- Assist with triage of patients referred to the FPMx.
- Have or develop resuscitation skills to safely manage analgesic infusions or procedures.
- Participate in group pain management programs and conduct patient education classes relating to analgesic medications and medical procedures.
- Participate in Continuing Medical Education, Practice Audits and Quality Improvement activities.

Optional Activities.

- Participate in the procedural management of patients with persistent pain in local Hospitals.

Major Accountabilities of Pain Fellows:

Display strong personal ethics, personal motivation and enthusiasm.

Display punctuality for work, good time management, a professional appearance and demeanour

Letters summarising findings and outlining treatment plans will be prepared daily.

Participate in quality improvement activities and research activities.

Work cooperatively with administration, other team members and participate pro-actively in team meetings.