

Wimmera Health Care Group, Horsham, Victoria

Consultant Physician

- **One of three Consultant Physician positions**
- **Recently redeveloped, well-managed base hospital**
- **Stunning mountains, lakes and national parks**

The Wimmera Base Hospital, the largest entity within the multi-campus Wimmera Health Care Group in Horsham, Victoria is seeking a suitably qualified and experienced medical practitioner for one of its three Consultant Physician positions.

Applicants should have a primary medical qualification registrable in Victoria and Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (or postgraduate clinical training, qualification(s) and experience in Internal Medicine which meet the College's requirements for practising under Area of Need provisions) and appropriate specialist experience.

The Hospital is located 300 km north west of Melbourne in Horsham, a progressive rural city with a population of 19,000. It is the base hospital of the Wimmera and is the area's major referral centre, serving approximately 54,000 people. It has some 12,000 admissions a year and offers specialist services in anaesthetics, general medicine, surgery, obstetrics & gynaecology, on-site pathology and radiology (including CT), as well as visiting services in ENT, ophthalmology, oncology, geriatrics, urology, oral surgery, orthopaedics, gastroenterology, dermatology and psychiatry. There has been a \$27 million total redevelopment of the Health Care Group's facilities in recent years.

Two Consultant Physicians have been providing services in general medicine. The Hospital has 16 Resident Medical Officers, ten of whom are on rotation from the Royal Melbourne Hospital and four from Austin Health. There is an active Resident teaching program and a Medical Staff postgraduate education program. In addition, the Visiting Medical Staff provide teaching to Medical Students on rotation from The University of Melbourne and Deakin University.

The Hospital has a strong commitment to quality assurance and has been continuously accredited with the Australian Council of Health Care standards since 1973. In addition, innovative Clinical Risk Management and Clinical Pathways programs have been developed. Support is also given to research relevant to a Base Hospital and you would be encouraged to develop particular areas of interest. The Hospital has participated in a number of multi-centre national and international drug trials.

You could expect to play an active role in the Hospital's modern five-bed Intensive Care/Coronary Care Unit. Approximately 1,000 endoscopies a year are performed and facilities are available for video endoscopy, dialysis and sleep studies. Subspecialty interests in gastroenterology, rheumatology, cardiology and respiratory medicine have been developed in the past.

This is an outstanding opportunity to develop a varied practice in a pleasant environment offering an unmatched lifestyle without city pressures or worries.

The position has an attractive earnings potential, depending on subspecialty interests. Expected total remuneration is approximately AU\$300,000. Assistance with accommodation, rooms and relocation expenses will be available.

Horsham's warm and dry climate is ideal for social and recreational pursuits. The city has excellent community and sporting facilities, including a championship golf course rated Victoria's best outside

Melbourne, lawn tennis courts, water skiing, rowing, sailing and horse racing. Local lakes, rivers and creeks offer marvellous fishing - including trout, Murray cod and redfin. The nearby spectacular Grampians National Park and, to the north, Little Desert National Park have superb bushwalking, rock climbing and horse riding. Mt Arapiles is an internationally recognised premier rock-climbing venue, with 2,000 different climbs. The world-renowned Coonawarra wine district is a picturesque one and a half hour's drive from Horsham.

Additional information regarding the Hospital and the region may be obtained at www.whcg.org.au

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