

Wimmera Health Care Group, Horsham, Victoria

# Second Obstetrician & Gynaecologist

- Roster shared with an Obstetrician & Gynaecologist and two GP-Obstetricians
- Recently redeveloped, well-managed base hospital
- Stunning lakes, mountains and national parks

The Wimmera Base Hospital, the largest entity within the multi-campus Wimmera Health Care Group, is seeking a second suitably qualified and experienced Specialist Obstetrician & Gynaecologist.

**Applicants should have a primary medical qualification which is registrable in Victoria; Fellowship of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists** (or postgraduate clinical training, qualification(s) and experience in Obstetrics & Gynaecology 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 a progressive rural city with a population of 19,000. It is the base hospital of the Wimmera and the area's major referral centre, serving approximately 54,000 people. It has some 12,000 admissions a year and offers resident specialist services in anaesthetics, general medicine, surgery, obstetrics & gynaecology, on-site pathology and radiology (including CT).

Visiting specialist services include ENT, ophthalmology, oncology, geriatrics, urology, oral surgery, orthopaedics, dermatology and psychiatry. A major redevelopment of the Group's facilities has recently been completed. 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 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 of care and patient safety, and has been continuously accredited with the Australian Council on Healthcare Standards for 36 years. Its innovative Clinical Risk Management program has achieved international recognition. Support is also given to research relevant to a base hospital. The appointee would be encouraged to develop particular areas of interest. The Hospital has participated in a number of multi-centre national and international research projects.

There are 400 deliveries a year at the Hospital. Operating theatres are available 24 hours a day, and there is a full anaesthetic and epidural service. Two other base hospitals are located within 200 km. Referrals come from a wide area, with patients from smaller towns increasingly tending to deliver at the Base Hospital.

Cover for the Level 2 Nursery is provided by two General Practitioners with neonatal experience. They also book and deliver normal obstetric cases, and participate in the after-hours roster. One of the Resident Medical Officers is an O&G appointment, accredited as a training post for the Diploma of Obstetrics.

The Hospital has three busy gynaecology lists each week. The theatres are well staffed, and equipped for laparoscopy and hysteroscopy. A colposcopy clinic is held each fortnight.

**Further information about the Hospital and the Group may be found on [www.whcg.org.au](http://www.whcg.org.au)**

**This is an outstanding opportunity to become established in a pleasant environment offering an unmatched lifestyle without city pressures. Assistance with accommodation, consulting rooms and relocation costs is available from the Hospital if needed.**

Horsham's warm, dry climate is ideal for the development of social and recreational pursuits. The town has excellent community and sporting facilities, including a championship 18-hole 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 and Little Desert National Parks 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.

**Applications and requests for additional information should be sent in the first instance to Les McBride of Cleveland McBride Health Recruitment at:**

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