

POSITION DESCRIPTION

POSITION: Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist

RESPONSIBLE TO: Service Manager – Surgical Services

Our vision: All people live well, get well, stay well. Kaiao te tini, ka ora te mano, ka noho ora te nuinga.

Our mission: Working with the people of our community to promote, encourage and enable their health, wellbeing and independence

Our Values – Ā Mātou Uara:

Respect: We care about, and will be responsive to, the needs of our diverse people, communities and staff.

Innovation: We will provide an environment where people can challenge current processes and generate new ways of working and learning.

Teamwork: We create an environment where teams flourish and connect across the organisation for the best possible outcome.

Integrity: We support an environment which expects openness and honesty in all our dealings and maintains the highest integrity at all times.

PURPOSE OF POSITION

- Provide efficient Obstetric and Gynaecological services, to support district wide service delivery and development across the health system.
- Provide appropriate and timely advice to health professionals.
- Participate in the policy, planning, development and evaluation activities of the Obstetric and Gynaecological Service.
- Instruct, monitor and advise junior medical officers as rostered.

RESPONSIBILITIES	EXPECTED OUTCOMES
<p>Clinical – Obstetrics & Gynaecology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to the appropriate prioritisation and allocation of all patients referred for a medical opinion • Assess, diagnose and treat allocated outpatients, and those patients accepted for in-patient care • Review inpatients and emergency patients as required in collaboration with colleagues • Contribute to the provision of a comprehensive Obstetrics and Gynaecological service. The facility does have the equipment necessary to allow advanced laparoscopic surgical techniques • Ensure that the relationship with patients is based on informed consent • Take part on a 1:6 on-call O&G roster • Conduct/supervise and/or assess outcome of diagnostic procedures for inpatients and outpatients and community referred patients • Conduct scheduled outpatient clinics in an efficient and effective manner • Participate in Colposcopy Clinics • Ensure that documentation accurately reflects patient condition and clinical decision making; and that discharge summaries are completed in the specified time frame 	<p>Patients are referred and prioritised according to appropriate guidelines</p> <p>Patients are correctly diagnosed, treated and monitored regarding the success of their treatment</p> <p>Patients are aware of the possible outcomes of treatment options and have given their consent accordingly</p> <p>Outpatient clinics are conducted according to set guidelines</p> <p>All documentation is completed according to proscribed standards</p> <p>Work to reduce health inequalities</p>
<p>Internal & External Networks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See and advise on patients referred by hospital specialist and general practitioner colleagues • Maintain and contribute to strong relationships with the Nelson and Wairau based O&G teams • Consult with general practice other health professionals regarding the care of patients as appropriate • Work with primary care and the community to develop models of care which outreach to improve access to services and improve timeliness and appropriateness of referrals as well as facilitating the implementation of care plans 	<p>Strong collegial relationships with both the Nelson and Wairau based O&G teams</p> <p>Maintain and develop constructive treatment partnerships with other health professionals including general practitioners, midwives and primary and community-based nurses and allied health personnel. In order to enhance patient care</p>

<p>Education & Health Promotion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervise the work of RMOs and report on their performance • Undertake and or support the provision of education for medical staff, midwives, nursing staff, General Practitioners and at public forums if invited and it is appropriate to do so • Take a role in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention through the participation in the formulation of policies • Advise patients on the advantages of healthy lifestyles and specific measures that might help the patient avoid reoccurrence of ill health and assist community groups and specialist societies in health promotion • Support training for rural medical students as Nelson hospital is integral part of Otago Universities programme 	<p>Accountability for RMOs' performance while under incumbents' direction accepted</p> <p>RMO and other clinical staff performance is enhanced by supervisory relationship Primary and community providers better informed in regards to prevention, identification, referral quality and management of obstetrics and gynaecological conditions in the community</p>
<p>Professional & Organisational Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in medical audit/peer review (including a review of complex cases and critical events) on a regular basis • Contribute to the development and implementation of quality improvement activities within the medical department and the wider hospital environment • Contribute to the medical community by attending local post-graduate medical meetings and meetings with management • Take all opportunities to support and up skill all members of the multi-disciplinary team • Participate in an annual work plan / professional development process with your manager 	<p>Demonstrated participation in and positive contribution to medical reviews and quality improvement activities</p> <p>Attends courses and conferences, participates in clinical attachments and generally demonstrates knowledge of best practise methodologies and treatments</p> <p>Pro-active participant in the highly skilled and strong multidisciplinary team</p> <p>Annual participation in a performance appraisal process</p>
<p>Quality Improvement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to the development and review of clinical guidelines and pathways • Contribute to the achievement of contractual obligations and quality performance indicators, whilst being cognisant of efficient and effective use of resources 	<p>A quality, customer-focused service is provided at all times, which follows best practice</p> <p>Participates in quality improvement processes in your area of work.</p>
<p>General</p>	<p>Other duties as negotiated with your Manager Meets obligations contained in Appendices 1 & 2</p>

PERSON SPECIFICATION

QUALIFICATIONS

- FRANZCOG or equivalent post graduate qualification in Obstetrics and Gynaecology
- Vocational registration with the NZ Medical Council, or eligible for same
- Current Annual Practising Certificate, or eligible for same

EXPERIENCE

Essential:

- Experience in the provision of complex abortion care, including second trimester surgical abortion, or be willing to be proctored into this role.
- Ability to function as an autonomous consultant in a provincial hospital
- Colposcopy training

SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE

- Excellent verbal and written (including report writing) communication skills
- Excellent time management and organisation skills
- Evidence of productive multi-disciplinary teamwork
- Total commitment to client-oriented care and quality standards
- Undertakes to keep up to date with relevant literature, not only on clinical matters but also on medical management topics such as clinical budgeting, auditing, performance appraisal, quality assurance and avail of opportunities to attend relevant conferences in New Zealand and overseas
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office applications i.e.: Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook and able to work independently with all applications
- Keeps up to date with available information technology relevant to position
- Understands and complies with Health NZ, Nelson Marlborough policies including Information Technology

PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES

- Effective team player
- Ability to work cooperatively in a team environment
- Excellent time management and organisation skills
- Person of integrity, able to be trusted with confidential matters
- Display a pleasant nature and be approachable when dealing with people and an ability to get on well with others
- Displays versatility and copes with unexpected delays or happenings
- Strong personal commitment to excellent personal and work standards

APPENDIX 1

General Responsibilities of an Employee of Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora (Nelson Marlborough)

1. Professional Responsibilities

As an employee of Health NZ, you are required to:

- Maintain any qualifications, including registrations and practising certificates, required for legal and safe practice.
- Keep yourself up to date on knowledge, best practices and legislation relating to your work.
- Make a personal contribution towards effective and efficient working relationships within your team and with other Health NZ departments.
- Ensure you carry out your work in a way that is customer-focused and meets professional standards.
- In conjunction with your manager, identify your own training needs and plan to meet these needs.
- Manage your own time and prioritise your work effectively.

2. Health, Safety and Wellbeing

- Compliance with all health and safety legislative requirements.
- Compliance with the ACC Partnership Programme requirements.
- Compliance with all organisation-wide health and safety policies and procedures.
- Compliance with the Health and Safety Manual, any relevant chemical information and the emergency plan.
- Work is carried out in a healthy and safe manner and others are encouraged and assisted to work in the same way.
- Unsafe workplace conditions/practices (hazards) are identified, reported and mitigated/rectified early.
- Knowledge of identified hazards is kept up to date.
- Reportable event form is completed (via *Safety First*) for any accident or injury which has taken place at work, ensuring, in the case of injury, that your supervisor or manager is notified within 24 hours.
- Co-operation, support and promotion of occupational health and safety actions and initiatives in the workplace.

3. Right to Raise Concerns

- All employees of Health NZ are expected and encouraged to immediately ask questions and raise any concerns/issues with their colleagues at their place of work, particularly if the care of a patient could potentially be compromised.
- All staff are expected to act professionally and to actively listen to the concerns or opinions of others being raised at the time.

4. Child Wellbeing and Protection

Health NZ is committed to identifying, supporting and protecting vulnerable children. The prevention of abuse and enhancing the wellbeing of children and their families aims to keep vulnerable children safe before they come to harm so they can thrive, achieve and belong. As an employee you are required to comply with all relevant legislation e.g. the Vulnerable Children Act 2014 and the Children, Young Persons and their Families Act 1989. You are also required to:

- Contribute to and support the organisation's strong commitment to a child centred approach to protect children across the region.
- Act at all times in the best interest of the children and young people, putting their interests first.
- Ensure collaborative working practices and recording and sharing of information

to address abuse, suspected abuse, or disclosure of abuse in a timely and appropriate fashion.

5. Legislation, Regulations and Board Policies

You are required to be familiar with and adhere to the provisions of:

- All relevant acts and regulations
- All Board, hospital and department policies
- All relevant procedure manuals
- The “Employee Obligations” within Health NZ’s Disciplinary Policy.

6. Confidentiality

You are required to:

- Adhere to the Privacy Act 1993, the Health Information Privacy Code 1994 and subsequent amendments in regard to the non-disclosure of information.
- Maintain strict confidentiality of patient, applicant and employee information at all times.

7. Risk Management

You are required to:

- Support and promote actions and initiatives in your work area which enable risks to be identified and eliminated or reduced.
- Be especially aware of those risks which have high cost or safety implications.
- Complete an accident/incident report for any accident, incident or near miss which has taken place at work.
- Respond to complaints according to appropriate policies.

8. Security

You are required to:

- Wear your identification badge at all times when on site or when carrying out official duties.
- Notify Human Resources of any changes required for your ID badge.
- Report any suspicious or unusual occurrence to the security officer, orderly or telephone operator.
- Complete an incident report for any incident which has or might have compromised the safety of staff, patients and visitors.

9. Treaty of Waitangi

Health NZ is committed to its obligations under the Treaty of Waitangi. As an employee you are required to give effect to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi: Partnership, Participation and Protection.

10. Smokefree

Health NZ is a Smokefree Organisation. This applies to all staff and contractors working within Health NZ buildings, grounds and vehicles. Staff are required to comply with the policy and ensure all visitors, patients and others are informed of the policy. This also applies to Health NZ staff employed on Board business in the community

APPENDIX 2

The preferred candidate is required to complete a Pre-Employment Health Questionnaire. The table below outlines the tests to be carried out - depending on the nature of the position applied for.

Condition	Information to include in Position Description
TB Active	No person with active pulmonary or laryngeal tuberculosis (TB) is allowed to be at work in Health NZ
TB Latent	Staff who expect to have contact with patients or infectious materials must have assessment of previous TB exposure at the time of employment
BBV	No person who is susceptible to hepatitis B is allowed to have contact with patients or human materials (e.g., blood) unless they have taken part or agree to take part in a blood-borne virus education, prevention and vaccination program
MRSA	No person colonised or infected with methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (MRSA) is allowed to work in clinical areas ¹ New staff who will be working in clinical areas should be screened for MRSA if they have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a chronic skin condition • been working in an overseas healthcare facility in the last year • been MRSA-positive in the last year
Skin	No person with a skin condition that by virtue of its site and type could be an infection risk is allowed to have contact with patients, food, microbiology samples or sterile items
Measles/Rubella	No person who is susceptible to measles or rubella is allowed to have contact with pregnant women.
VZV	No person susceptible to varicella-zoster virus (chickenpox) is allowed to have contact with newborn babies or pregnant women
EPP	No person who has detectable hepatitis B e antigen or high levels of hepatitis B virus DNA in their serum is allowed to undertake or assist with exposure-prone surgical procedures ²

¹Clinical areas include inpatient medical and surgical wards (includes Medical Units, AT&R Units, Surgical Wards, Paediatrics, Day Stay, Neonates and Women's Health). Screening does not apply to staff working in outpatient areas (e.g., clinics, Radiology, Respiratory Function lab) or in DSS, Mental Health or Drug and Alcohol services (transmission of MRSA is less likely and infection is rare in these sites.)

²Exposure-prone surgical procedure = a procedure where there is the potential for direct contact between the skin (usually finger or thumb) of the health care worker and sharp surgical instruments, needles, or sharp tissues (spicules of bone or teeth) in a blind or highly confined anatomic site such as a body cavity or in poorly visualised and/or confined body sites. Such sites include body cavities encountered during emergency and trauma procedures, abdominal, cardiothoracic, obstetric/gynaecological, orthopaedic and oral surgery.