

# HMO 2 Surgical – Anatomy School Rotations

In the first half of the year working at SVH you may select from the following term options :

## **ANAESTHETICS - SVH**

This is an excellent job for anyone interested in pursuing a career in anaesthetics, ICU or emergency medicine, or those with a real interest in this field. Teaching is excellent and occurs on the job and senior supervision is constant. The hours are often longer than contracted but this provides the benefit of increased experience in management of emergency anaesthesia, which may be difficult to obtain during standard working hours.

## **CARDIOTHORACICS - SVH**

These 2 positions are shared between an intern and HMO and this allows for a week on the wards followed by a week in theatre. The first offers experience of management of critically ill patients who have just returned from thoracic operating or cardiac ICU. The job provides an opportunity to improve your procedural and surgical skills to a high level. There are two cardiac and one thoracic registrar. There is good support offered in all aspects of this job with senior staff being available and approachable at all times.

## **O & G - WERRIBE MERCY HOSPITAL**

## **GENERAL SURGERY - SWAN HILL HOSPITAL**

A wide breadth of basic and intermediate surgery with “hands-on” opportunity.

## **INTENSIVE CARE- SVH**

This job gives a detailed look at the functioning of a top level ICU which has an in house neurosurgical and cardiothoracics team providing a ready stream of complex patients in addition to those found in a general ICU. There is an onsite Registrar at all times to provide support and assistance and extensive experience in inserting central venous catheters, arterial lines and Swann Ganz catheters is available. 12 hour shifts are worked in this job so there is likely to be almost 50% night shift work.

## **NEUROSURGERY – SVH**

The Neurosurgery Department at St Vincent's is a significant unit providing general and specialist out-patient clinics. The in-patient neurosurgical service boasts expertise in epilepsy, skull base, pituitary and functional surgery. There are two HMO's supporting three Registrars (two accredited and one unaccredited) and five consultants. With patients numbering 16 to 32 and with six operating lists per week there is plenty to do ! This is an absolutely fantastic unit for anyone contemplating fields of neurology, neurosurgery or general surgery. There is great theatre work to be had with the senior Registrar and the patient, supportive Consultants. The after-hours commitment involves one Friday night every four weeks, and one weekend in four.

## **ORTHOPAEDICS – SVH**

Eight consultants, four registrars an HMO 3 and HMO 2 cover an average of 30 patients, with approximately 3 lists per day or 15 per week. Each resident works a 50 hour rostered week, one evening a week and 1 in four weekends. We start at 6:30 am and we work on a two-week rotating roster, with ½ day off each week.

This is an ideal rotation for those keen on an orthopaedic career. There is an excellent variety of operations and “you see things you will never again see in your life” !

### **ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY - WARRNAMBOOL**

A popular rural orthopaedic rotation with plenty of variety and "hands-on" opportunity.

### **PAEDIATRIC SURGERY (PLASTICS) - ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

In this position as Resident, you will receive excellent exposure/teaching to a wide range of conditions including congenital deformities and trauma/injury. The breadth of experience includes reconstructive surgery (incorporating congenital craniofacial anomalies, craniosynostosis and congenital hand deformities), microsurgery and trauma cases, numbering approximately 50 procedures per week. Inpatient care of between 1 and 10 patients is required, under the supervision of 2 plastic surgery registrars, 1 maxillofacial registrar and several fellows. Access to theatre is excellent, with participation and teaching including outpatient dressings clinic encouraged. Participation in the surgical after-hours roster (incorporating general and specialty surgery) is required, although is not onerous.

### **PAEDIATRIC SURGERY (ORTHOPAEDICS) - ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

Much sought after paediatric surgical term in orthopaedics which is very well supported with 4 registrars and a fellow who work for 4 very approachable and involved consultants. The orthopaedic ward at RCH is very practical and allows for quite specialised nursing staff who are very helpful. There is opportunity to attend theatre and clinics; you will also be expected to attend the formal teaching program for registrars which is excellent and includes case studies, videos and examination skills training each week. Common cases are all types of fractures, limb lengthening processes and scoliosis spinal surgery. Participation in the surgical after-hours roster (incorporating general and specialty surgery) is required, although is not onerous.

### **PLASTICS – SVH**

The Plastics Unit is an excellent learning unit with loads of hands on experience with large numbers of daily patients plus 10 –15 inpatients, average of 10 operating lists per week. This year the department secured ESAS funding for elective surgery work which has provided a great variety. The Head of Unit, Professor Morrison, is very keen on teaching and supportive of any research interests. In addition there are 8 Consultants and one Accredited Registrar. Average weekly rostered hours around 44.

### **SURGICAL ONCOLOGY - PETER MACCALLUM CANCER CENTRE**

This rotation introduces the resident to the surgical oncology world and its relationship with medical and radiation oncology. You will care for patients having palliative as well as curative procedures. A unique experience in Australia.

### **VASCULAR SURGERY – SVH**

The Resident joins an Intern and Registrar in an excellent rotation for someone considering a surgical career. There are 4 operating lists per week.