

Eastern Health

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position Title:	Colorectal Surgical Clinical and Research Fellow (Part Time)
Award Classification:	As per AMA / DIT Award
Award / Agreement Name:	Victorian Public Health Sector (AMA Vic) – Doctors in Training – Multi-Enterprise Agreement 2022 -2026 (Commonly known as “AMA Victoria DIT Agreement”)
Position Reports to:	Chief Medical Officer, Eastern Health. Director Medical Services, Workforce & Wellbeing. Heads of Unit / Consultants / Registrars.

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Eastern Health is one of Melbourne’s largest metropolitan public health services. We provide a comprehensive range of high quality acute, sub-acute, palliative care, mental health, drug and alcohol, residential care, community health and statewide services to people and communities that are diverse in culture, age and socio-economic status, population and healthcare needs



1. POSITION PURPOSE

An opportunity is open for a clinical research fellow with an interest in colorectal surgery onsite at Eastern Health. The fellow's primary role is to provide a link between developing a research concept and conducting the clinical study relevant to clinical practice and the participation in the clinical duties of the colorectal unit at Eastern Health.

2. MAJOR DUTIES AND/OR RESPONSIBILITIES

The duties in this position description cannot be fulfilled by practitioners with Level 1 supervision.

- Develop new research goals and ideas in conjunction with their supervisor and the conduct of research projects already in progress as well as the supervision of junior medical staff with an interest in research
- Surgical assisting for 3 to 4 lists per week on a yet to be determined rostered basis which will supplement the income (expected to be in excess of \$50,000)
- One operating list per month at Blackburn Hospital
- Training in anorectal physiology and anorectal ultrasound as part of the pelvic floor clinic on a fortnightly basis (3.5 hours) ^[L]_[SEP]
- Sharing of clinical duties with the training Colorectal Surgical Society of Australia and New Zealand Clinical Fellow.
 - 1 in 3 weekend rounds
 - On call for colorectal emergencies 1 in 3 with the clinical fellow
 - Endoscopy and operating lists at Box Hill and Maroondah Hospital
 - 3 public operating lists per fortnight at split between Box Hill and Maroondah Hospital
- Conduct and organisation of junior medical staff training in basic surgical skills, laparoscopy and endoscopy and quarterly journal clubs
- 4 hours per week paid by Epworth Hospital for purposes of clinical audit including updating the Binational Colorectal Cancer Audit for the colorectal department.

3. SAFE PRACTICE AND ENVIRONMENT

Occupational Health and Safety

Eastern Health is committed to provide and maintain a working environment for all staff that is safe and without risk to health. All staff are to take care of their own health and safety and the health and safety of any other person who may be affected by your acts or omissions at the workplace. Understand responsibilities and accountabilities to yourself and others in accordance with OH&S legislation and Eastern Health policies and promote a working environment that is congruent with these guidelines. This includes staff reporting of all clinical and OHS incidents and near misses, in particular those related to Occupational Violence, Manual Handling and Slips, trips and falls.

Staff are required to comply with all state legislative requirements in respect to the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 and the Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation (WIRC) Act 2013.

4. TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Relevant, practical and timely education should direct, facilitate, enhance and support the professional growth and practice of employees in a health environment characterised by change. All programs should endeavour to promote evidence-based practice, a problem solving approach and to be competency based.

You are expected to participate in the personal development process on an annual basis.

5. QUALITY

As a staff member of Eastern Health staff are required to comply with Eastern Health performance standards and participate in continuous monitoring and improvement as part of your role. You are also required to comply with legislation, professional standards and accreditation standards.

As a staff member employed by Eastern Health services you must have and maintain the appropriate skills and knowledge required to fulfil your role and responsibilities within the organisation. In addition, you must ensure that you practice within the specifications of this position description, and where applicable within the agreed scope of practice.

You are responsible for ensuring safe high quality care in your work. This will include complying with best practice standards, identifying and reporting any variance to expected standards and minimising the risk of adverse outcomes and patient harm. In addition, you will ensure that service and care is consistent with the EH approach to patient and family centered care.

6. CONFIDENTIALITY

Any information obtained in the course of employment is confidential and should not be used for any purpose other than the performance of the duties for which the person was employed. Staff are bound by the Information Privacy Act 2000 and the Health Records Act 2001.

7. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

You agree to adhere to the Equal Employment Opportunity policies and practices of the Health Service. Discriminatory practices, including sexual harassment, are unlawful. The Health Service will not tolerate discriminatory behaviour and any such conduct may lead to the invoking of the Disciplinary Policy and Procedure, which may result in termination of employment.

8. PERFORMANCE DEVELOPMENT

A Performance Review, that includes agreed targets, will occur three (3) months from commencement and then annually on the basis of the duties and responsibilities outlined in this position description. This is an opportunity to review personal and the allocated work unit's service performance, facilitated by the setting of objectives/goals and ongoing evaluation of performance and achievement. Objectives will be developed annually, documented, discussed and agreed with the immediate line manager, who will act as the assessor. The incumbent is expected to demonstrate and show evidence annually of ongoing self and allocated work unit's service development.

9. ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 Key Selection Criteria

10. NOTE

Statements included in this position description are intended to reflect in general the duties and responsibilities of this position and are not to be interpreted as being all-inclusive.

Prior to accepting any offer of employment, prospective employees will be required to read and commit to the Eastern Health Code of Conduct, including (but not limited to) issues of Occupational Health and Safety, Equal Opportunity and Confidentiality.

Vaccination against infectious disease is a mandatory requirement of this role. An offer of employment is conditional on you providing evidence that you are currently vaccinated against COVID-19, prior to commencing employment.

Signed: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Manager

INCUMBENT STATEMENT

I _____ (Incumbent Name) have read, understood and accepted the above Position Description and associated Attachments.

Signed: _____ Date: ____/____/____

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KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

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Essential

The candidate must

- Be either suitable for, or have current medical registration in Australia
- Hold a FRACS or equivalent
- Have an interest in colorectal surgery training
- Be keen to undertake a research project with the unit.

Desirable

- Previous research experience
- Previous surgical experience either in a training program or experience of research
- An interest in teaching

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Key Result Areas / Key Performance Indicators

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- Successful completion of publishable research
- Enthusiastic participation in the work of the unit to a level consistent with their experience