



**General Practitioner with Special Interest in Palliative Care (GPSI-PC)
Palliative Outcomes Initiative (POI)**

Mercy Hospice (MH), Ponsonby, Auckland

Fixed Term Opportunity

- 40 hours per week for 6 months, or 20 hours per week for 12 months
- Start date negotiable, December 2018 / February 2019

Purpose

The Hospices of Auckland organisation core objective is to honour living and dignify dying with the provision of high quality hospice palliative care services to eligible individuals living with life limiting illnesses, their families/whanau, caregivers and communities across Auckland.

Hospices of Auckland have been successful in securing Innovations Funding from the Ministry of Health for the establishment and implementation of initiatives designed to meet this objective. Hence the POI project (www.poiproject.co.nz) has been developed to progress palliative care capability and resources specifically within the primary health and residential care settings.

Attributes / Requirements

The successful applicant will be a medical professional with a strong interest in palliative care and a desire to develop their palliative care skills. The applicant will then be able to use these skills on return to their previous clinical setting or to inform future career choices.

- Current New Zealand Practising Certificate from Medical Council of New Zealand
- Fellowship of Royal NZ College General Practitioners, or in training
- Minimum 5 years healthcare experience, involving patients with palliative care needs eg general practice, acute care hospital, hospice or residential care
- Sound computer literacy
- Strong verbal, written, presentation and education skills
- Experience and competence working within a multi-cultural community, with appreciation of Tikanga Maori

Role

- Reports to the Medical Director Mercy Hospice
- Fixed-term training position available as 6month or 12month attachments
- Role aligns to POI contracted funding
- Based at Mercy Hospice, Ponsonby, Auckland

Practice

- GPSI will be directly involved in the provision of specialist palliative care to the patients under the care of MH, within MH's inpatient or community services
- GPSI will be working within the MH medical team comprising 4 Palliative Medicine Specialists and a Clinical Pharmacist. The team will provide regular informal and formal clinical training, supervision and mentoring
- During this training rotation you will work towards, and be supported to complete, the Clinical Diploma in Palliative Medicine from the Royal Australasian Chapter of Palliative Medicine
www.racp.edu.au/docs/default-source/default-document-library/cd-palliative-medicine-handbook-2017-18.pdf
- Training will focus on the provision of holistic (physical, psychosocial, spiritual, cultural) palliative care to patients and their family/whanau
- GPSI to use their palliative care skills within their future practice and to promote the development of palliative care skills in other clinicians
- GPSI to promote the integration of Palliative Care into local, regional and national health strategies

Please email your CV and a covering letter to:

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Or if you require further information please ring (09) 361 5966 to talk with:

Cheryl Kenwright HR Manager

Dr Pam Jennings Palliative Medicine Specialist

Applications close: 16 October 2018