District Medical Officer, Procedural

We have salaried hospital positions available in Karratha and Port Hedland

- Defined by the Indian Ocean to the west and the Northern Territory border to the east, the Pilbara is Western Australia’s second most northern region. The Kimberley region lies to its North across the Great Sandy Desert and the Pilbara’s southern reaches border the Midwest and Goldfields regions.
- The region covers a total area of 507,896kms (including offshore islands), nearly a fifth of the state of Western Australia.
- The major towns of the region are Port Hedland, South Hedland and Karratha. Other towns include Roebourne, Dampier, Onslow, Pannawonica, Paraburdoo, Tom Price, Wickham, Newman, Marble Bar and Nullagine.
- The Pilbara came to national and international prominence during the 1960s when the go-ahead was given to extract iron ore deposits in the region. Today the Pilbara economy is crucial to the state of Western Australia, providing two of the State’s largest export revenue earners - iron ore and liquefied natural gas.
- Amazing travel opportunities exist throughout the region, including the spectacular gorges of Karijini National Park, Ophthalmia Range, Historic Cossack, Millstream-Chichester & Cape Range National Park, Cape Keraudren and Pardoo Station.
- The Pilbara is a great location for families with both public and private schooling available, along with TAFE facilities and a University of WA campus.
- National and international flights leave daily from Port Hedland and Karratha airports. Air travel is also available throughout the region through air charter services.

Health Services

Large Support Hospitals; Nickel Bay Hospital (Karratha), South Hedland Health Campus.
Hospital Services; Marble Bar Nursing Post, Newman Hospital, Nullagine Community Health Service, Onslow Hospital, Paraburdoo Hospital, Roebourne Hospital, Tom Price Hospital, Wickham Health Centre.
Aged Care Service; Karlarra House, Pilbara Community and Aged Care Services (PCACS).
Community and Public Health Services; Ashburton Community Health Service, Newman Population Health, Onslow Community Health Service, Pilbara Population Health Unit, Port Hedland Community Health Centre, Roebourne Community Health, South Hedland Community Health Service, West Pilbara Community Health Service.
Mental Health Services; Pilbara Mental Health and Drug Service

The Region

Port Hedland is a dynamic town of over 20,000 people. The lifestyle is relaxed and open. The town’s location on the ocean provides for a variety of aquatic leisure activities including superb fishing.
South Hedland is situated approximately 20km south of Port Hedland and offers a range of community services including cultural, recreation and shopping facilities.
Karratha is a modern town. Its size and central location make it the idea base for exploring the delights of Millstream-Chichester National Park, Dampier Archipelago and Point Samson.
Marble Bar is known as the hottest town in Australia. Set in a rugged landscape, the area boasts both natural beauty and historic charm.
Newman sits on the edge of the Western Desert, the town is dominated by Mount Newman and there is plenty available for lovers of nature.
Paraburdoo boasts some of the world’s largest open cut mines, largest pastoral leases and cattle stations and a thriving fishing industry all set against a beautiful ancient landscape.
Onslow has a population of around 800. The town is blessed by its proximity to the ocean, with Sunrise and sunset beaches surrounding the town.
Roebourne is a former gold rush town, located 202km from Port Hedland and was once the largest settlement between Darwin and Perth.
Wickham has glorious sweeping views of the sunset, and pristine sandy beaches. Tom Price is located inland, at the edge of the Hamersley Range. It is the highest town above sea level in Western Australia, and is consequently named “Top Town in WA.”
About the Job

The District Medical Officer positions provide clinical services to the hospitals of the Pilbara with some providing outreach clinics in surrounding remote communities. The roles enable a wide scope of clinical practice in Indigenous Health while working closely within a supportive team of friendly staff.

These positions report to and are supported by the Senior Medical Officer at each site. You will be rostered to clinical duties in the Emergency Department and/or GP Clinic at each hospital and as DMO Proceduralist you will also be rostered to a 1:3 Anaesthetics or Obstetric roster.

These are senior positions requiring a Medical Practitioner with extensive general experience, able to demonstrate significant Emergency Department and Primary Health Care knowledge and skills and either Obstetric or Anaesthetic qualifications and experience. District Medical Officers must be able to practice without supervision.

About You

The successful applicant will hold a primary medical degree registrable with the Medical Board of Australia. You will have demonstrated Emergency Medicine and General Practice skills as well as sound leadership qualities and teamwork principles which are essential for these positions. An understanding and interest in remote and Indigenous health is very desirable as is the motivation to work in a challenging yet very rewarding environment.

- Fellowship of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, or the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine, or equivalent experience with the Medical Board of Australia.
- Formal post graduate qualifications in Anaesthetics or Obstetrics, or equivalent experience.
- Sound understanding of remote area health service provision.
- A record of appropriate Emergency Department skills maintenance in the last triennium of completion of at least 1 of the following and proof of continued professional development; ACLS, APLS, EMST, GCCA, or equivalent.
- Highly developed communication and interpersonal skills including the use of information technology.
- Ability to work as an effective team member.

About the Package

Salary as per Department of Health Medical Practitioners (WA Country Health Service) AMA Industrial Agreement 2011: Full Time (80 hours per fortnight), Fixed Term

**District Medical Officer, Procedural Yr 1-3 $349,976 - $383,270pa**

*includes base salary $185,608 - $204,633, Professional Development Allowance $25,162, an allowance in lieu of Private Practice $74,244 - $81,854 and an on-call availability allowance $64,962- $71,621.

In addition (in line with operational requirements), 9% employer contributed superannuation, access to salary packaging up to $17,000, 6 weeks Annual Leave (pro-rata - inclusive of 4 weeks general, 1 weeks north west leave and 1 week on-call accrual), 2 weeks Professional Development Leave, and additional gratuity incentives for longer periods of service.

Further Information

Enquiries are encouraged and should be directed to the Director of Medical Services by telephone +61 08 91741643