Consultant Physician - General Medicine

WA Country Health Service (WACHS) Great Southern is seeking a highly motivated and innovative medical professional to join our team in 2016 as Consultant Physician General Medicine based in Albany.

The Role

The Consultant Physician - Acts in the role of clinical and administrative Director of General Medicine for WACHS Great Southern and as Head of Department. This involves providing clinical leadership, overall supervision of clinical staff other Department, administration of the Department, and more broadly in relation to medical issues across the Region and Albany Hospital as required. The successful applicant will also be required to support other clinicians to provide quality inpatient medical services as well as advising and assisting in planning service improvements, medical education and training. Undertaking acute medicine outpatient clinics when required is also a requirement of this role.

The successful applicant must be eligible for registration by the Medical Board of Australia and a Fellow of the Royal Australian College of Physicians (RACP). Substantial clinical experience relevant to the role is highly desired. Experience in quality improvement, clinical services redesigns and effective risk management is also highly desirable.

The Region

The Great Southern region is the second smallest region in Western Australia (WA) and covers approximately 40,000 square kilometres on the south coast of WA, bordering 250 km of the Southern Ocean and extending 200km inland. It comprises about 1.5 per cent of WA total land area. Albany is the regional centre with other population hubs centred around Katanning, Denmark, Mt Barker, Kojonup, Gnowangerup and Ravensthorpe. The region enjoys milder climate than much of the rest of WA. The region boasts reliable growing seasons most of the time, although nowhere is immune to the periodic droughts. Annual rainfall decreases along the coast from west to east, and inland away from the coast but the entire Great Southern is within productive climate zones.

Five per cent of all hospitalisations in the Great Southern adults were potentially preventable. The Potentially Preventable Hospitalisations (PPH) rate was significantly higher (1.1 times) than the state rate. The leading PPH for Great Southern adults was for diabetes complications. For 2008-2012, the main cause of hospitalisation for adults aged 15-64 years was ‘digestive diseases’ as it was for the State. During time the hospitalisation rate for Great Southern older residents was significantly lower than the State rate and the leading cause of hospitalisations was renal dialysis followed by chemotherapy and disease of the eye.

The Package

The salary is per Department of Health Medical Practitioners (WA Country Health Service) AMA Industrial Agreement 2013:

Fixed Term, Full-time (80 hours per fortnight)

Consultant Year 1 – 9 $320,973 - $388,172 per annum *

*Includes based salary $177,775 pa - $262,656 pa, professional development allowance $29,295 pa, an allowance in lieu of Private Practice $105,062 pa and Head of Department Allowance $8,841 pa (1-4 staff under direct supervision)

Rates effective as 1st Oct 2015.

In addition (in line with operational requirements), 9.50% employer contributed superannuation, access to salary packaging up to $19,000 pa, professional development opportunities and study leave/assistance, flexible leave arrangements and relocation assistance apply to this position.

For further information please contact Dr Anju Mahesh Reddy,
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How to Apply

To apply for this position, apply online at:
www.wacountry.health.wa.gov.au > work with us > medical careers > medical vacancies
The “Apply Here” button will take you to a ‘pooled’ application process on the WA Jobs Board.

Applicants are advised to write a statement addressing the selection criteria, providing a detailed curriculum vitae which summarises your experience and how you are able to meet the position requirements. The selection criteria can be found within the Jobs Description Form (JDF), this can be located by clicking ‘Jobs Description Form’ the WACHS Medical Vacancies Webpage.

Documents should be complete and ready to attach prior to applying online. Please ensure that you attach a cover letter stating the position you are applying for.

Applications, if suitable, are accepted to the Medical Practitioner Recruitment Pool, as advertised on the WA Jobs Board, Ref CH889. Your CV will remain on file until the closure of the pool. You may be contacted during this time to determine your interest in future vacancies.

If shortlisted for an interview, you will be contacted to arrange a suitable time to be interviewed.

Applications Close: 29th December 2016

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