**District Medical Officer — Procedural**

*Do you want to use your skills to make a difference, broaden your scope and discover Western Australia’s great far north; the Kimberley region? If so, now is the time to do it!*

We have salaried medical positions available in Broome, Derby, Kununurra, Fitzroy Crossing and Halls Creek.

- Situated in the most northern and tropical region of WA.
- Geographically diverse—pristine white beaches, rugged and spectacular ranges and gorges, palm lined chasms, secluded waterholes, tidal mudflats and some of the largest and most beautiful rivers and waterways in the world are waiting to be explored.
- An unspoilt oasis of natural beauty and native flora and fauna — a visual and sensual experience.
- The ability to keep people intrigued for many years through the diverse range of activities, rich cultural history, diversity of working experiences and mix of friendly people and unique characters.
- Remote but not isolated—direct flights to all capital cities and close proximity to Darwin.
- Relaxed and laidback - a lifestyle envied and sought by hundreds of thousands of visitors each year.

**About the Places**

*The Kimberley has a population of approximately 45,000 of whom approximately 52% are Indigenous. Each major town is unique and supports a different aspect of what makes the Kimberley so attractive.*

**Broome** has a population of 15,000 increasing to over 40,000 during the tourist or ‘dry’ season of April to October. Over 2,200km from Perth, is the administrative centre of the Kimberley and home to the world famous Cable Beach.

**Derby** a rural port township located two hours drive north of Broome. Derby supports the pastoral properties along the Fitzroy River and is a popular stop-over for the gorge country of the West Kimberley.

**Fitzroy Crossing** is situated in the Fitzroy River Valley 250 km from Derby and within easy drives of beautiful gorges and waterfalls such as the famous Tunnel Creek and Windjana Gorge. It is on the doorstep to the rugged and spectacular Gibb River Road.

**Halls Creek** is a busy service township 2,800 km’s from Perth and is on the doorstep of the world heritage listed Purnululu National Park (Bungle Bungle Ranges).

**Kununurra** is a thriving township in the Ord River Valley bordering the Northern Territory, over 3,200 km from Perth. It supports a growing population and service base associated with agriculture and mining activities. It is the home of the rare pink diamond and gateway to some of the most spectacular scenery and locations.

**Wyndham** the most northern town in Western Australia, 105km northwest of Kununurra on the Cambridge Gulf. With a population of around 900 was established in 1886 with the Halls Creek gold rush.
About the Job

Broome’s 40 bed inpatient facility is the Regional Resource Centre in the Kimberley supporting 35 and 26 bed inpatient facilities in Derby and Kununurra respectively. Smaller hospitals are located at Fitzroy Crossing, Wyndham and Halls Creek, each with inpatient and emergency services and facilities. A network of Remote Area Clinics spread across smaller communities are serviced by onsite nursing staff and visiting clinics by medical and specialist staff.

The District Medical Officer positions provide clinical services to the hospitals of the Kimberley 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 Anaesthetic or Obstetric roster.

About You

♦ Demonstrated Emergency Medicine and General Practice skills as well as sound leadership quality and teamwork are essential for these positions.
♦ Post-graduate qualifications in anaesthetics and/or obstetrics and demonstrated clinical skills in these disciplines are also essential for the proceduralist positions.
♦ An understanding and interest in remote and Indigenous health is very desirable.
♦ Must be eligible for registration with the Medical Board of Australia.

About the Package

Salary as per Department of Health Medical Practitioners (WA Country Health Service) AMA Industrial Agreement 2011:

**Procedural** from $349,976 (Year 1) to $383,270 (Year 3) inclusive of professional development allowance, private practice allowance and on call availability allowance. In addition, a District Allowance, 9% superannuation, travel concessions and a generous rental subsidy is payable. Other benefits include salary packaging up to $17,000, 6 weeks annual leave (Pro-rata—inclusive of 4 weeks general, 1 week northwest leave and 1 week on-call accrual), 2 weeks Professional Development leave, vehicle use and additional rural gratuity incentives for longer periods of service.

Who to Contact and How to Apply

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