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District Medical Officer - Non Procedural Kimberley Region

A unique and exciting opportunity is currently available for a suitably experienced and enthusiastic GP with highly developed Emergency Medicine Skills for WA Country Health Service (WACHS) Kimberley. This is a Fixed Term Full Time appointment for up to 5 years, based in Broome, Derby or Kununurra with the possibility of extension. Other contract arrangements, inclusive of Part Time /Sessional and Fly In / Fly Out from Perth can be considered.

The position provides clinical services to the hospitals of the Kimberley as well as outreach clinics in surrounding remote communities. The successful candidate needs to be open to being challenged by the wide variety of medicine that you will encounter in the Kimberley – tropical medicine, acute presentations of chronic disease conditions in adults and in sick kids, palliative care being practised with cultural sensitivity. You will not be alone in managing patients in this remote context – there is excellent support provided by a range of resident specialists in person, or via telehealth. The Emergency Telehealth Service provides rapid access to FACEM level care coordination and team leadership. The Mental Health Emergency Telehealth Service is available at all times, to support mental health presentations. The Royal Flying Doctor Service is available to transfer patients in your care to higher level hospital support and you will become an expert at preparing patients for retrieval. Once you have experienced living and working in the Kimberley, you will wonder why you ever thought city medicine was ever enough to challenge or inspire you!

You WILL make a difference in patient lives, like no other role you have undertaken to date.

The successful candidate will be working in a cross-cultural environment particularly with Aboriginal people, experience working within an Aboriginal health setting is preferred.

This position reports to the Senior Medical Officer at each site and is supported either in person or via telehealth by a team of peer GPs with significant emergency skills and by a team of resident specialists with an amazing knowledge base. Remote Area Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Allied Health staff and Aboriginal health Workers and Aboriginal Liaison Officers all contribute to the multidisciplinary team approach to the practice of medicine in the Kimberley. You will be joining this team and learning from them and with them, about health care delivery in this unique environment.

The successful candidate must hold the appropriate AHPRA registration to be able to practise independently without clinical supervision. The successful candidate will be rostered to clinical duties in the emergency department and/or GP clinics at each hospital as well as being rostered on call as required, with an annualised on call allowance payable for the on call commitment shared with colleagues.



Remuneration

The Salary as per WA Health System Medical Practitioners AMA Industrial Agreement 2016:

Shown as Fixed Term Full Time (80 hours per FT) - rate as at December 2021

DMO (Non- Procedural) Year 1– 6 \$403,137 - \$505,599 p.a.*

*Includes Arrangement A base salary \$274,268 - \$349,766 p.a. plus 10.00% employer contributed superannuation, professional development allowance \$30,814 p.a., and on call allowance

. In addition rental and travel subsidies apply; District Allowance of up to \$8,018 p.a.; gratuity payment equivalent to 12 weeks salary after the first 3 years of continuous service and after each subsequent year a lump sum equivalent to four weeks salary is paid; access to salary packaging up to \$19,000 p.a., professional development opportunities and study leave/assistance, and flexible leave arrangements apply.

The Kimberley Region

The Kimberley is Western Australia's most northern region, a coastline closer to South-East Asia than Perth. Bordered by the Pilbara region to the south and Northern Territory to the east, the 424,517 square kilometres region has fewer people per square kilometre than almost any other place on Earth.

Internationally recognised for its unique and dramatic landscape, the region includes spectacular gorges, waterfalls and cave systems, and an astonishing variety of wildlife. Camping, birdwatching and fishing are recreational activities that local health staff enjoy in abundance. For those more interested in the night life, Broome and Kununurra support a wide range of entertainment options, with bars and restaurants rivalling any provincial town.

Famous attractions include the World Heritage-listed Purnululu National Park and Mitchell Falls, the stunning El Questro Wilderness Park and Broome's Cable Beach. Characterised by its distinct wet and dry seasons, the Kimberley experiences a sub-tropical climate. May to October is the dry season, and November to April is the wet season. With a balmy climate, breathtaking scenery, unique flora and fauna and a great variety of adventure and cultural experiences, the Kimberley offers a fantastic lifestyle that is family-friendly and supportive.

Our regional hospitals include Broome Health Campus, Fitzroy Crossing Hospital, Derby Hospital, Halls Creek Hospital, Kununurra Hospital and Wyndham Hospital. The region is open to flexible working and living arrangements that support the smaller hospital sites, such as basing the family in Broome or Kununurra to enable access to quality schooling and housing, with fly in/fly out travel to Fitzroy Crossing/Halls Creek/Derby and Wyndham.

Applications must be lodged online by 4pm (WST) 04/01/2024.

Please include your CV and a statement addressing the selection criteria.

Late submissions will not be accepted.



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Apply through

[MedJobsWA](https://www.health.wa.gov.au/medjobs)

Follow the [Application Instructions](#) carefully. Documents should be complete and ready to attach prior to applying online.

