

# Dunedin Hospital

Some exciting changes ahead!



# WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- **Dr Kathryn Forwood, Medical Director for Prevocational Education**
- **Dr Eden Ross, PGY1 House Officer**
- **Debbie Schaaf, Team Leader, RMO Unit, Dunedin**
- **Belinda Hunsche, RMO Advisor, RMO unit, Dunedin**



# Why Dunedin?



**Dunedin** is home to **Dunedin Hospital**, a 400-bed tertiary hospital serving the city and the wider **Otago Region**. Here you'll gain exposure to a wide range of specialties and subspecialties while working closely with supportive consultants who know you by name.

The hospital is the perfect size—large enough to offer complex clinical experience, yet small enough to provide hands-on learning and real responsibility early in your career. Through our strong partnership with the **University of Otago**, there are also excellent opportunities for teaching, research, and academic development.

Outside of work, Dunedin offers an unbeatable lifestyle. With around 30 beaches within 30 minutes of the city, plus mountains, walking tracks, and snow close by, adventure is always within reach. The city also offers a wide range of activities including sports clubs, mountain biking tracks, hiking, and a vibrant student scene.

Add in short commute times, a welcoming community, and plenty happening around the city, and Dunedin delivers an exceptional work–life balance.

# First Year Runs

- **General Medicine**
- **Cardiology**
- **General Surgery (Colorectal, Upper GI, Plastics, Breast and Endocrine, Vascular)**
- **Urology**
- **Orthopaedics**
- **Psychiatry (Wakari)**
- **Older Persons Health**
- **Mental Health for Older People**
- **Puawai (Wakari)**
- **Community based attachment (not a GP run)**

# Second Year Runs

- **O&G - 6 months**
- **Paediatrics – 6 months**
- **Emergency Medicine – 3 months**
- **Gastroenterology, Haematology, Oncology, Renal, Respiratory**
- **Neurosurgery, Neurology / Ophthalmology, Cardiothoracic Surgery, ENT, General Surgery Acutes**
- **Internal Medicine Assessment Unit**
- **Community Based Attachments**
- **Leave Reliever runs**



# Types of Roster

Rosters vary across specialties, and are all templated, to give you an idea:

PGY1 's work:

- Long days – up to one per week
- Weekends – approximately 3 -4 per quarter
- No nights in first 6 months

# Regular House Officer Teaching

- **Weekly teaching sessions on a Wednesday and Thursday**
- **Journal Club**
- **Grand Rounds Weekly Tuesday - organised by the University**

# Vocational Training Offered

- **PGY1s are allocated to runs that will provide for a broad and general experience allowing for sub specialisation in their second year**
- **For PGY2+ Dunedin Hospital offers vocational training in the following specialties**
- **Each year we employ a good mix of training and non-training Registrars:**
  - **ED**
  - **Medicine Specialties**
  - **O&G**
  - **Paediatrics**
  - **Orthopaedics**
  - **General Surgery**
  - **Anaesthesia (SHO)**

# House Officer Representative

Dr Simon Woudberg

A day in the life of a House  
Officer here at Dunedin Hospital

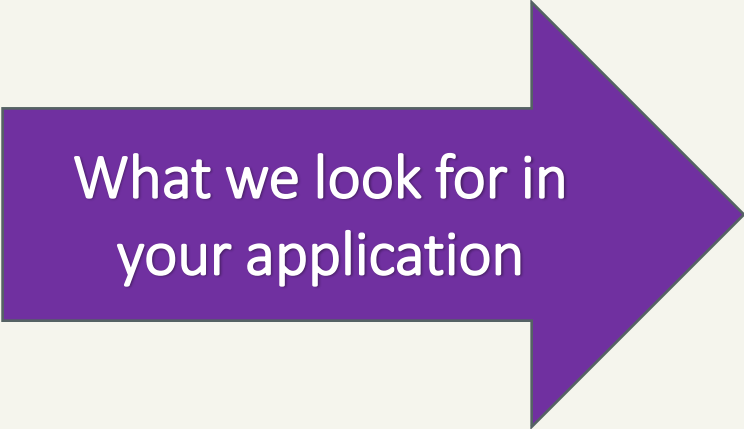
# Application Process

- **DHB Ranking**

- Ensure you do your ranking correctly!!!

- **Number of positions**

The number of positions we have available for 2027 is 28



What we look for in your application

## Cover Letter

Reasons why you want to live and work in the Otago region

- Family and Friends
- Sporting or cultural involvements
- Training opportunities

## Contact

If able, make contact with our Medical Director any Prevocational Educational or the **RMO Unit**

## References

References are very important to us

- Ideally you will be required to submit 3 references
- We prefer a variety of services/areas – however not compulsory
- As recent as possible

# Summary – Dunedin

- Dunedin is a great place to start your PGY1 year. At Dunedin Hospital you'll gain experience across a wide range of specialties, with strong clinical support and hands-on learning opportunities.
- Our RMO Unit has an open-door policy, and we pride ourselves on being approachable and supportive.
- We have a strong relationship with the University of Otago, creating a great learning environment for junior doctors.

## Application information

- Applications must be submitted before 3 July 2026
- We encourage you to make contact with Kathryn Forwood, Debbie Schaaf, or Belinda Hunsche if you have any questions
- Your cover letter should include why you want to work in Dunedin
- Three references are required

# Questions and Answers

While we work through any questions you may have, please enjoy some pictures of what Dunedin has on offer .....

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