

Dunedin Hospital

Some exciting changes ahead!



WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- Dr Kathryn Forwood, Medical Director for Prevocational Education
- Dr Simon Woudberg, PGY1 House Officer
- Marlene Griffin, Team Leader, RMO Unit, Dunedin
- Debbie Schaaf, RMO Advisor, RMO unit, Dunedin



Why Dunedin?



Dunedin Hospital is a 400-bed tertiary hospital located in Central Dunedin serving the city of Dunedin and the wider Otago region.

Dunedin Hospital offers experiences in a wide range of specialities and subspecialties.

With hospitals small enough to give you hands-on specialist-led experience, yet big enough to learn through an internationally-renowned research partnership, your career opportunities are limitless. We're looking for Doctors who want to level up, grow their areas of interest, and work with specialists who know their name.

Southern has a strong collaborative relationship with the University of Otago making a number of teaching and research options possible for those keen to pursue their academic careers whilst completing their clinical work

Life outside of the hospital is just as opportunity-filled – there's always an adventure waiting for you at the end of your shift. We're surrounded by the dream combination of mountains, beaches and snow. Dunedin has some 30 beaches within 30 minutes' drive from the city centre, and most have great surf.

In the city the activities are just as varied – being a student region there's always something going on. This combination plus the lack of commute makes for a fantastic work life balance here.

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 2026 is 26



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, we have a wide range of specialities for you to work in, our RMO office has an open door policy, the relationship with the University is very strong and there is great support.
- Make sure your application is before 4 July 2025
- Make contact with Kathryn Forwood, Debbie Schaaf or Marlene Griffin
- Cover letter to include reasons why you want to be in Dunedin
- 3 references 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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