

INTERN PHARMACIST PROGRAM



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The Royal Women's Hospital is a major teaching hospital specialising in obstetrics, neonatal intensive and special care, and gynaecology, including gynaecological-oncology. The pharmacy department has 18 pharmacists and 4 technicians. For 2024, there are 3 intern pharmacist positions available.

Aim of the program

The intern program at the Royal Women's Hospital aims to provide a step-by-step progression towards becoming a skilled early-career pharmacist.

In the first half of the year, there is closer supervision during each step of the education and training process. The program then gradually transitions towards increased independence and responsibility, so that by the latter half of the year, our intern pharmacists will be capably performing many professional activities, including contact with other health professionals with regard to prescription problems, interactions, and legal requirements.

Structure of the program

Intern pharmacist rosters will include experience in the following areas:

- Outpatient dispensary
- Clinical wards
 - ◆ Gynaecology/Gynaecology-oncology
 - ◆ Obstetrics, including patients on opioid replacement therapy, and patients with high-risk pregnancies
 - ◆ Neonatal intensive care and special care nurseries
 - ◆ Frances Perry House Private Hospital
- Medicines information and publication
- Manufacturing of non-sterile products
- Drug usage evaluation, audits, clinical trials, Adverse Drug Reaction Committee,

pharmacist interventions and medicine related incidents reporting


Education program

In addition to the education and training received through exposure to clinical ward pharmacy and other activities, intern pharmacists will also be involved with:

- Regular tutorials following a structured program
- Practice exams
- Research projects, which may be presented at the annual SHPA National Conference
- Continuing education through SHPA
- Meetings and presentations
- Hospital staff education program, including:
 - ◆ Continuing education presentations within the pharmacy department
 - ◆ Grand Rounds at the Royal Women's Hospital, Royal Melbourne Hospital and Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre
 - ◆ Educational talks from members of other departments
 - ◆ Presentations from external presenters

Although based at the Royal Women's Hospital, rotations or visits to other areas may be arranged, including:

- Community pharmacy visits (own arrangement)
- Operating theatre visits
- Sterile compounding unit
- Royal Melbourne Hospital
- Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre



The Women's is a Monash University Intern
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