

Palliative Care SMO

Where you'll be working: Waikato Hospital

The details: Permanent Part-time, rostered

We are seeking an outstanding and experienced palliative medicine specialist to join our progressive team of five Senior Medical Officers.

The Waikato Palliative Care Program, currently accredited with the Royal Australasian College of Physicians, encompasses two sites; Waikato Hospital and Hospice Waikato, providing specialist palliative care across the Waikato Region.

Waikato Hospital is one of the largest Tertiary Care Hospitals in Australasia and the Palliative Care department reports within the Division of Oncology. A consult liaison service is provided by medical and nursing specialists to palliative oncology patients as well as patients under other speciality medical and surgical services. A small number of patients are admitted under the Palliative Care service from other DHBs as well as those with complex palliative care needs.

Hospice Waikato as the main community palliative care provider to the region comprising a 10-bed inpatient unit on-site along with Rainbow Place, NZ's only specialist Children's Hospice facility. Hospice Waikato also provides an at home service, a rural outreach programme, plus outpatient clinics. Patients and family/whanau of Hospice have access to a full range of psychosocial and spiritual support through illness and bereavement.

The SMO will spend quality time on both sites. The program has a close relationship with the University of Auckland's Waikato Clinical School and an Honorary appointment at an appropriate University level (Senior Lecturer, Associate Professor or Professor) can be arranged depending on the applicant's experience and academic qualifications. There is a requirement for Vocational registration or the potential vocational registration with the Medical Council of New Zealand.

The successful applicant will be employed by Waikato DHB as a Senior Medical Officer with generous vacation and CME leave. Stipends are provided for conference leave as well as relocation expenses.

COVID-19:

The Waikato District Health Board Health & Safety has a policy that includes ensuring that you comply with the Health Order announced 11 October 2021 and with the Waikato DHB's Vaccine Preventable Diseases for Employees policy. The policy prescribes the required vaccinations including COVID19 for all employees of Waikato DHB. COVID-19 vaccinations are mandatory before you commence employment.

Why us:

The Waikato District Health Board (DHB) is one of the largest of 20 DHBs in New Zealand.

We plan, fund and provide health and disability support services to a population of more than 400,000. We run five hospitals across the district – a tertiary hospital in Hamilton, a secondary hospital in Thames, and three rural hospitals in Te Kuiti, Taumarunui, and Tokoroa.

Waikato Hospital in Hamilton is one of New Zealand's largest tertiary, teaching hospitals with over 600 inpatient beds and 22 operating theatres. Clinical specialities include Women's and Children Services, Cardiology / Cardiothoracic Surgery, Oncology and Haematology, Surgical

services, and Mental Health and Addiction. Waikato Hospital is the Midland regional referral centre for multiple specialties including trauma surgery, oncology, and neurology.

We are a values based and inclusive organisation that is committed to deliver the best health outcomes for our total population. To do this we are working hard to develop a robust and capable workforce that reflects the population we serve. We strongly encourage applicants from all backgrounds with the necessary capability and who share our values to apply and would greatly value seeing more applicants from our Māori communities.

This position offers a lifestyle opportunity in the beautiful Waikato region, as well as an opportunity to contribute to the strategic development of services and quality improvement initiatives.

You can make a real difference in other peoples' lives while making a positive change in your own.

Your application:

Please apply directly online, and [click here](#) to review the position description. Applications are not able to be accepted via email. Please contact Naomi Knight, Operations Manager, Cancer and Chronic Conditions, Naomi.Knight@waikatodhb.health.nz for further information.

Application closing date: Open until filled

Values

Theme “People at Heart” – Te iwi Ngakaunui

- Give and earn respect - Whakamana
- Listen to me; talk to me – Whakarongo
- Fair play – Mauri Pai
- Growing the good – Whakapakari
- Stronger together – Kotahitanga