



Territory Palliative Care are seeking a Palliative Care Specialist to join their dynamic team in Darwin.

Based on campus at the Royal Darwin Hospital (RDH), Territory Palliative Care provides high quality palliative care to an enormous geographical area - the Top End of the Northern Territory (NT). We are a wraparound service and in this role you will rotate with two other specialists through all 3 facets of palliative care provision – hospice, hospital consults and community service. This model results in seamless continuity of care for patients and their families and an incredible professional experience for the specialist.

Territory Palliative Care is the model service for the provision of culturally appropriate palliative care in Australia. Over 30% of our patients are First Nations and over 50% from remote or very remote communities. In this role you will gain a rich cultural education and an understanding of the importance of finishing up on country and the many traditions, beliefs and ceremonies around death. You will be required to work closely and considerately with families, community clinics and repatriation services to plan for end of life care on country and support their ongoing needs in remote locations.

Our Hospice is a 12-bed purpose built facility on the grounds of RDH with a full multidisciplinary team. Our community palliative care team- consisting of 3 clinical nurse managers (2 urban and 1 rural & remote) also sit within the hospice building – allowing easy communication and handover.

RDH is a 345 bed tertiary hospital and level 3 RACP teaching hospital. The hospital serves a population of over 180,000 in a catchment area including urban communities, regional hospitals and remote First Nations communities and all the NT island communities. RDH is also a teaching hospital affiliated with Flinders University Medical School. Menzies, the nation's leader in First Nations and tropical health research is based on RDH campus. Opportunity for research, collaboration, teaching and leadership experience is plentiful here in Darwin.

Darwin is an extremely welcoming place to live and experience a tropical lifestyle. Enjoy year round warm weather and an outdoor lifestyle of markets, swimming, camping, fishing, sailing, biking, culture and sunsets.

This is a professional opportunity like no other. In the Northern Territory you will gain exposure to some of the most unique medical, cultural, geographical and social challenges in supporting patients with terminal illness and be part of a truly interdisciplinary team dedicated to overcoming them.

Qualifications:

Applicants must be a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (FRACP) or the Australasian Chapter of Palliative Medicine (FACHPM) or equivalent.

Applicants must be able to comply with the Top End Health Service requirements concerning credentialing privileges and national criminal history check.

Start date:

December 2022 (negotiable) up to 1FTE (negotiable)

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