

Senior Medical Officer - Palliative Medicine Specialist

Full time (minimum 0.8FTE), Permanent

Hospice West Auckland, Te Atatū Peninsula, Auckland, New Zealand



Hospice West Auckland has been providing specialist palliative care services to the community of West Auckland for more than three decades. Our population is mixed urban/rural and ethnically diverse. We have a reputation for excellence in community provision of palliative care. The service is busy, and we provide virtual and in person visits to our patients at home when required. We also run outpatient clinics within our hospice facility at Beach Road in Te Atatū Peninsula. Our outpatient facility provides us an opportunity to give infusions or trial a range of medication approaches for our patients. Those patients who need inpatient hospice care are referred to Harbour Hospice either at the North Shore or Hibiscus locations.

You would join two other palliative medicine specialists and work as part of a strong interdisciplinary team. In addition, you will be part of a wider peer group of specialists and doctors with special interests, that includes the teams working in Te Whatu Ora Waitemata and Harbour Hospice. There is an expectation that you would participate in the after-hours service.

The team at Hospice West Auckland includes nursing expertise, social work, massage therapists, physiotherapists, talking therapies, art therapy, a spiritual advisor, and a Rongoā Māori practitioner. We work in a hybrid model utilising the best of new technology to enhance our ability to provide care across our area, which extends across to the West Coast Beaches and up to the Kaipara. There is the option of working a proportion of the week off-site/virtually. Hospice West Auckland is accredited as a training site so there is the opportunity to supervise Advanced Trainees in palliative care. Specialist interests within palliative care are also welcomed. An interest in utilising ultrasound and confidence implementing procedures such as ascitic taps would be an added advantage.

You would be a resilient team player who is enthusiastic about a role in a community palliative care service. You would bring new ideas about how and what services could be delivered to our community, and we can strongly support you to implement these.

If you would like more information about the role, please contact Dr Celia Palmer (celiap@hwa.org.nz).

Please apply through our job site: <https://hospicewestauckland.recruitment.co.nz/Current-Opportunities/6148187/title/Senior-Medical-Officer-Palliative-Medicine-Specialist>