



ROLE DESCRIPTION

Role Title:	Dermatology Nurse Consultant
Classification Code:	Registered Nurse Level 3
LHN/ HN/ SAAS/ DHW:	CALHN
Hospital/ Service/ Cluster	Royal Adelaide Hospital
Division:	Surgery 1
Department/Section / Unit/ Ward:	Dermatology
Role reports to:	Nurse Lead
Role Created/ Reviewed Date:	March 2021
Criminal History Clearance Requirements:	<input type="checkbox"/> Aged (NPC) <input type="checkbox"/> Working with Children's Check (WWCC) (DHS) <input type="checkbox"/> Vulnerable (NPC) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Probity (NPC)
Immunisation Risk Category Requirements:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Category A (direct contact with blood or body substances) <input type="checkbox"/> Category B (indirect contact with blood or body substances) <input type="checkbox"/> Category C (minimal patient contact)

ROLE CONTEXT

Primary Objective(s) of role:

Employees classified at this level provide clinical nursing expertise for specified individual patients/clients and/or groups/populations, and/or provide clinical leadership for an area of practice, and may work in a variety of clinical settings. Employees classified at this level are experts within their area and stream of practice and have a significant degree of autonomy and decision making.

Various practice models may be used to enact this role, including but not limited to:

- Primarily providing nursing care;
- Providing clinical leadership to nurses;
- Coordination and leadership of projects and/or programs that contribute clinical expertise to improve patient/client/service outcomes;
- Nurse Practitioner Candidate: Nurses classified at this level are working towards becoming an expert and being able to provide extended practice in their specialist field, within their scope of practice. They develop their capacity for extended practice by increasing their knowledge and skills through ongoing clinical exposure, post graduate qualifications and mentoring, with supervision by an authorised nurse practitioner and/or medical staff.

Employees in this role accept accountability for their nursing practice, the outcomes of nursing practices for the specific patient/client group, the professional advice given, delegations of care made and for addressing inconsistencies between practice and policy.

Direct Reports:

> Nil

Key Relationships/ Interactions:

Internal

- > Maintains close collaborative working relationships with all level 3 and level 4 Nurses.
- > Reports to Clinical Practice Director, Surgery
- > Works collaboratively with the Dermatology Medical Head of Unit.
- > Maintains cooperative and productive working relationships within all members of the health care team.
- > Supports and works collaboratively with less experienced members of the nursing/ midwifery team
- > Collaborative working relationships with the multidisciplinary team.

External

- > Maintains relationships with non-government organisations or other government organisations. i.e Flinders Medical Centre Dermatology, Australian Dermatology Nurses Association.
- > Consulting and collaborating with other health care professionals within the health service, external stakeholders, and consumers to improve patient and service outcomes
- > Professional accountability to the specific Director within the relevant professional practice framework
- > Establishing and maintaining positive working relationships with all members of the health care team and consumers through the use of effective communication strategies.

Challenges associated with Role:

Major challenges currently associated with the role include:

- > Keeping professionally up to date with relevant research, technological advances and models of care.
- > Working appropriately and in a culturally respectful way with men, women and their families where there are multiple complexities, diverse cultural backgrounds and expectations of clients.
- > Accepting responsibility for the maintenance of own knowledge and professional competence and contemporary practices.
- > Working collaboratively within the multidisciplinary team and across organisational Divisions/sites and promotes communication processes to enable best patient/client outcomes.

Delegations:

As per Delegation of HR and Financial Authorisations for CALHN

Resilience:

SA Health employees persevere to achieve goals, stay calm under pressure and are open to feedback.

Performance Development

The incumbent will be required to participate in the organisation's Performance Review & Development Program which will include a regular review of the incumbent's performance against the responsibilities and key result areas associated with their position and a requirement to demonstrate appropriate behaviours which reflect a commitment to SA Health values and strategic directions.

General Requirements:

*NB Reference to legislation, policies and procedures includes any superseding versions

Managers and staff are required to work in accordance with the Code of Ethics for South Australian Public Sector, Policies and Procedures and legislative requirements including but not limited to:

- > *Work Health and Safety Act 2012 (SA)* and when relevant WHS Defined Officers must meet due diligence requirements.
- > *Return to Work Act 2014 (SA)*, facilitating the recovery, maintenance or early return to work of employees with work related injury / illness.
- > Equal Employment Opportunities (including prevention of bullying, harassment and intimidation).
- > *Children and Young People (Safety) Act 2017 (SA)* 'Notification of Abuse or Neglect'.
- > Disability Discrimination.
- > *Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Act 2012 (SA)*
- > *SA Information Privacy Principles*
- > Relevant Awards, Enterprise Agreements, *Public Sector Act 2009 (SA)*, *Health Care Act 2008 (SA)*, and the SA Health (Health Care Act) Human Resources Manual.
- > Relevant Australian Standards.
- > Duty to maintain confidentiality.
- > Smoke Free Workplace.
- > To value and respect the needs and contributions of SA Health Aboriginal staff and clients, and commit to the development of Aboriginal cultural competence across all SA Health practice and service delivery.
- > Applying the principles of the South Australian Government's Risk Management Policy to work as appropriate.
- > *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (South Australia) Act 2010*
- > *Mental Health Act 2009 (SA)* and Regulations
- > *Controlled Substances Act 1984 (SA)* and Regulations
- > The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia Registration Standards (including the Guidelines and Assessment Frameworks for Registration Standards)
- > The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia Professional Practice Codes and Guidelines (including Competency Standards, Codes of Ethics and Professional Conduct, Decision Making Framework and Professional Boundaries)
- > Professional Practice Standards and competencies consistent with area of practice as varied from time to time
- > SA Health/LHN/SAAS policies, procedures and standards

Handling of Official Information:

By virtue of their duties, SA Health employees frequently access, otherwise deal with, and/or are aware of, information that needs to be treated as confidential.

SA Health employees will not access or attempt to access official information, including confidential patient information other than in connection with the performance by them of their duties and/or as authorised.

SA Health employees will not misuse information gained in their official capacity.

SA Health employees will maintain the integrity and security of official or confidential information for which they are responsible. Employees will also ensure that the privacy of individuals is maintained and will only release or disclose information in accordance with relevant legislation, industrial instruments, policy, or lawful and reasonable direction.

White Ribbon:

SA Health has a position of zero tolerance towards men's violence against women in the workplace and the broader community. In accordance with this, the incumbent must at all times act in a manner that is non-threatening, courteous, and respectful and will comply with any instructions, policies, procedures or guidelines issued by SA Health regarding acceptable workplace behaviour.

Special Conditions:

*NB Reference to legislation, policies and procedures includes any superseding versions

- > Meet immunisation requirements as outlined by the Immunisation for Health Care Workers in South Australia Policy Directive.
- > **Appointment is subject to immunisation risk category requirements (see page 1). There may be ongoing immunisation requirements that must be met.**
- > It is mandatory that no person, whether or not already working in SA Health, may be appointed to a position in SA Health unless they have the satisfactory Criminal and Relevant History Screening, as required by the *SA Health Criminal and Relevant History Screening Policy Directive*.
- > For 'Prescribed Positions' under the *Child Safety (Prohibited Persons) Act (2016)*, the individual's WWCC must be renewed every 5 years from the date of issue; and for "Approved Aged Care Provider Positions" every 3 years from the date of issue as required by the *Accountability Principles 2014* issued pursuant to the Aged care Act 1997 (Cth).
- > For appointment in a *Prescribed Position* under the *Child Safety (Prohibited Persons Act (2016))*, a current Working with Children Check (WWCC) is required from the Department for Human Services Screening Unit. For other positions, a satisfactory National Police Certificate (NPC) assessment is required.
- > Depending on work requirements the incumbent may be transferred to other locations across SA Health to perform work appropriate to classification, skills and capabilities either on a permanent or temporary basis subject to relevant provisions of the *Public Sector Act 2009* for Public Sector employees or the *SA Health (Health Care Act) Human Resources Manual* for Health Care Act employees.
- > The incumbent may be required to participate in Counter Disaster activities including attendance, as required, at training programs and exercises to develop the necessary skills required to participate in responses in the event of a disaster and/or major incident.

Key Result Area and Responsibilities

Key Result Areas	Major Responsibilities
Direct/indirect patient/client care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Integrate contemporary information and evidence with personal experience to support the decision making, innovative thinking and objective analysis that is expected at this level eg Expert clinical knowledge underpins and informs their ability to support, lead and/or provide expert clinical care to improve and optimise nursing care. > Provide direct, expert clinical nursing care, select and implement different therapeutic interventions, provide individual case management to a defined population of patients/clients and evaluate progress. > Contribute expert nursing assessment and advice to local clinical teams to achieve integrated nursing care within a risk management framework. > Undertake the nursing care role with a significant degree of independent clinical decision making in the area of personal expertise. > Be required in a multidisciplinary primary health care setting to apply nursing expertise to assess clients, select and implement different therapeutic interventions and/or support programs and evaluate patient/client progress. > Effective complex discharge planning / hospital avoidance through the provision of education, equipment and referral.
Support of health service systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Use available information systems: to inform decision making, to implement and co-ordinate processes for quality improvement, to monitor and analyse incidents and accidents, to ensure quality and safety is not compromised, to evaluate outcomes and convey information to staff. > Contribute to the development of, implementation of, and monitoring of corporate policies and processes and lead in their area of expertise. > Management of resources with due diligence. > Implement and co-ordinate within span of control, processes for quality improvement and continuity within corporate risk management and nursing professional practice frameworks. > Identifying hazards, assessing risks and implementing, monitoring and maintaining hazard control measures. > Maintain productive working relationships and manage conflict resolution. > Contribute to the development and sustainability of nursing skills for the needs of the specific population group using systems of resource and standards promulgation. > Contribute specific expertise to nursing practice through clinical protocol and standards development.
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Hold a contemporary professional practice portfolio containing evidence of postgraduate qualifications, learning and practice experience that underpin a demonstrable application of knowledge and skills commensurate with the level and type of practice expected of the role. > Ensure mechanisms are in place to support ongoing education where work and learning are integrated. > Apply and share expert clinical knowledge to improve patient/client care outcomes. > Contribute clinical expertise to learning environments, which may include individual/team capability development and/or post registration clinical teaching.

Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Contribute specific expertise to monitor and evaluate research activities in order to improve nursing practice and service delivery; > Establishing, implementing and evaluating systems, which ensure best practice/evidence and patient/client outcomes; > Applies evidenced based recommendations to improve practice and service function; > Contribute to clinical practice research.
Professional leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Provides leadership and direction, acts a role model, mentor, consultant and resource person; > Lead nursing clinical practice within the professional practice framework established by the Director of Nursing and/or lead a multidisciplinary team; > Contribute to the redesign of care and treatment practices.

Knowledge, Skills and Experience

ESSENTIAL MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Educational/Vocational Qualifications

- > Registered or eligible for registration as a Nurse with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia and who holds, or who is eligible to hold, a current practicing certificate.

Personal Abilities/Aptitudes/Skills:

- > Effective leadership skills including highly developed skills in communication, problem solving, conflict resolution and negotiation skills.
- > Ability to work effectively within a multidisciplinary team.
- > Ability to prioritise workload and meet set timelines.
- > Demonstrated ability to foster a workplace environment that develops staff potential.
- > Proven ability for flexibility, innovation and creativity within the whole of service setting.
- > Demonstrated ability in the leadership and facilitation of change management.
- > Demonstrated ability in leading and promoting consumer engagement initiatives

Experience

- > Registered Nurse with at least 3 years post registration experience.
- > Demonstrated competence in the relevant area of nursing practice in accordance with the relevant standards.
- > Experience in the supervision of students, enrolled nurses and less experienced registered nurses.

Knowledge

- > Knowledge and understanding of relevant legislation, industrial agreements, standards, codes, ethics and competency standards
- > Knowledge of Australian National Safety and Quality and Safety Health Service Standards
- > Knowledge of contemporary professional nursing and health care issues.

DESIRABLE CHARACTERISTICS

Educational/Vocational Qualifications

Where applicable, qualifications relevant to practice setting.

- > Post basic qualifications relevant to management of acute / chronic skin disease and chronic wounds.
- > Tertiary qualifications in nursing or human services related discipline (Graduate Diploma or Master level).
- > Current member of the Australian Dermatology Nurses Association.
- > Assess plans and provide comprehensive patient care independently or in autonomous collaboration with other health professionals.
- > Be familiar with advanced concepts, practices and procedures within Dermatology.
- > Collaborate with members of the multidisciplinary health team to help meet patient care goals.
- > Work in direct communication with patients, Dermatology Consultants, staff, pharmacists, radiology and various other departments within the health system in order to coordinate patient care.

Personal Abilities/Aptitudes/Skills:

- > Skills in using computers and software relevant to the area of practice.
- > Ability to analyse complex clinical data.
- > Ability to undertake presentations to community and professional groups.
- > Ability to work within a multidisciplinary team framework and provide clinical support to community groups and patients with acute / chronic skin disease.

Experience

- > Experience with quality improvement methodologies for clinical activities
- > Experience in evaluating the results of nursing research and integrating, where relevant, the results into nursing practice.
- > Experience in clinical management and leadership roles.

Knowledge

Knowledge of the South Australian Public Health System.

Organisational Context

Organisational Overview:

Our mission at SA Health is to lead and deliver a comprehensive and sustainable health system that aims to ensure healthier, longer and better lives for all South Australians. We will achieve our objectives by strengthening primary health care, enhancing hospital care, reforming mental health care and improving the health of Aboriginal people.

SA Health is committed to a health system that produces positive health outcomes by focusing on health promotion, illness prevention and early intervention. We will work with other government agencies and the community to address the environmental, socioeconomic, biological and behavioural determinants of health, and to achieve equitable health outcomes for all South Australians

Our Legal Entities:

SA Health is the brand name for the health portfolio of services and agencies responsible to the Minister for Health and Wellbeing. The Department for Health and Wellbeing is an administrative unit under the Public Sector Act 2009.

The legal entities include but are not limited to the Central Adelaide Local Health Network Inc., Northern Adelaide Local Health Network Inc., Southern Adelaide Local Health Network Inc., Women's and Children's Health Network Inc., Barossa Hills Fleurieu Local Health Network Inc., Eyre and far North Local Health Network Inc., Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network Inc., Limestone Coast Local Health Network Inc., Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network Inc., Yorke and Northern Local Health Network Inc. and SA Ambulance Service Inc.

SA Health Challenges:

The health system is facing the challenges of an ageing population, increased incidence of chronic disease, workforce shortages, and ageing infrastructure. The SA Health Care Plan has been developed to meet these challenges and ensure South Australian's have access to the best available health care in hospitals, health care centres and through GPs and other providers.

Health Network/ Division/ Department:

The Surgical Program provides facilities and services for the delivery of acute and ongoing patient care with a broad range of surgical and complex specialty conditions. Patients are admitted when their care needs cannot be catered for in an ambulatory, community or general hospital setting.

The workforce who provide services in the Surgical Program are committed to the Central Adelaide LHN vision, mission and values.

Values

SA Health Values

The values of SA Health are used to indicate the type of conduct required by our employees and the conduct that our customers can expect from our health service:

- > We are committed to the values of integrity, respect and accountability.
- > We value care, excellence, innovation, creativity, leadership and equity in health care provision and health outcomes.
- > We demonstrate our values in our interactions with others in SA Health, the community, and those for whom we care.

Code of Ethics

The *Code of Ethics for the South Australian Public Sector* provides an ethical framework for the public sector and applies to all public service employees:

- > Democratic Values - Helping the government, under the law to serve the people of South Australia.
- > Service, Respect and Courtesy - Serving the people of South Australia.
- > Honesty and Integrity- Acting at all times in such a way as to uphold the public trust.
- > Accountability- Holding ourselves accountable for everything we do.
- > Professional Conduct Standards- Exhibiting the highest standards of professional conduct.

The Code recognises that some public sector employees are also bound by codes of conduct relevant to their profession.

Approvals

Role Description Approval

I acknowledge that the role I currently occupy has the delegated authority to authorise this document.

Name:

Role Title:

Signature:

Date:

Role Acceptance

Incumbent Acceptance

I have read and understand the responsibilities associated with role, the role and organisational context and the values of SA Health as described within this document.

Name:

Signature:

Date: