



ROLE DESCRIPTION

Role Title:	Consultant Geriatrician
Classification Code:	MD2
LHN/ HN/ SAAS/ DHA:	Northern Adelaide Local Health Network
Hospital/ Service/ Cluster	Modbury Hospital
Division:	Aged Care, Rehabilitation and Palliative Care
Department/Section / Unit/ Ward:	Northern Adelaide Geriatric Service (NAGS)
Role reports to:	Head of Unit – Geriatrics
Role Created/ Reviewed Date:	
Criminal History Clearance Requirements:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aged (NPC) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Working with Children Check (WWCC) <input type="checkbox"/> Vulnerable (NPC) <input type="checkbox"/> General Probity (NPC)
Immunisation Risk Category	<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:

The Northern Adelaide Geriatric Service provides comprehensive geriatric medicine service within NALHN. These services include, but will not be restricted to:

- > Geriatric Evaluation and Management Unit (GEM Modbury Hospital)
- > Community based Older Persons Health Service
- > Inpatient acute care of older people services
- > Inpatient geriatric consultative services.
- > Rural Consultative and Outpatient Service in the Inner North (based in Gawler & Port Pirie)
- > Care Awaiting Placement (Gawler/Parafield Gardens)

Contribute to the provision of high standard clinical services to patients of NALHN and referred to the area geriatrics service.

Contribute to teaching/training at undergraduates and postgraduate levels.

Participate in research.

Services will be provided across the NALHN and may include some visits to rural South Australia.

Key Relationships/ Interactions:

- > Immediately responsible to the Medical Head of Unit, Geriatrics.
- > Will be required to collaborate closely with other senior health professionals of NALHN, particularly those that form part of the Aged Care, Rehabilitation and Palliative Care Division.
- > Will be required to supervise the clinical practice of allocated trainee medical officers and medical students in the area geriatrics service.

Challenges associated with Role:

Major challenges currently associated with the role include:

- > Managing a busy workload and competing demands requiring the ability to organise and prioritise workload and time.
- > Working around patients / families / carers who may display distressed or unpredictable behaviour.
- > Maintaining personal boundaries when responding appropriately to client and family / carer expectations.

Key Result Area and Responsibilities

Key Result Areas	Major Responsibilities
Contribute to the provision of high standard clinical services to patients of, and referred to, the area geriatrics service by:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">> Providing specialist medical services to patients. Providing a specialist opinion on patients referred for consultation.> Providing clinical leadership to facilitate and support a team approach to the provision of clinical services.> Assigning and supervising the clinical practice of allocated trainee medical practitioners.> Participating in relevant multidisciplinary meetings.> Ensuring the appropriate documentation of clinical care in patients' medical records and ensuring the timely provision of discharge summaries, written specialist opinions and requested medical reports.> Assisting the Director / Head of Service in planning and organising the delivery of clinical services.> Fostering the development of community networks appropriate to the area geriatrics service activity.
Contribute to teaching/training by:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">> Contributing to medical teaching / training programs at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.> Providing appraisals of medical undergraduates and trainee medical practitioners assigned to the area geriatrics service.> Contributing to the training of other health professionals.
Contribute to advances in knowledge in the specialty by:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">> Initiating and participating in research.
Contributing to continuous evaluation and improvement of clinical services by:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">> Initiating and supporting clinical improvement activities. This will involve evaluation of clinical processes and service outcomes, identifying possible areas for improvement and implementing the required changes.
Contribute to the efficient management of the financial and material resources of the Unit by:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">> Using facilities, equipment and supplies in the most cost-efficient manner.> Contributing to documentation required for casemix management or other funding mechanisms by ensuring that appropriate practices are in place to ensure the timely coding of required data.
Contribute to a patient focused approach in the provision of clinical care by:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">> Adhering to and supporting practices that ensure patients' rights are respected.> Investigating and addressing patient complaints in a positive, constructive matter.> Maximising the participation of consumers in planning and evaluating services.
Contribute to the adoption of responsive risk management practices by:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">> Actively supporting and contributing to risk management initiatives.> Reporting sentinel events, potential medical negligence claims and adverse patient incidents.

Knowledge, Skills and Experience

ESSENTIAL MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Educational/Vocational Qualifications

- > Bachelor of Medicine; Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) or equivalent. Appropriate Specialist Qualifications and registrable with the Medical Board of Australia as a Medical Practitioner with Specialist registration; or another qualification as defined in the SA Medical Officers Award.

Personal Abilities/Aptitudes/Skills

- > Demonstrated clinical excellence in Geriatric Medicine.
- > Demonstrated professional integrity.
- > Demonstrated ability to work in a multi-disciplinary team environment.
- > Demonstrated commitment to quality improvement.
- > Demonstrated ability to be adaptable to change.
- > Proven commitment to the principles and practise of:
 - EEO, Ethical Conduct, diversity and OHS&W;
 - Quality management and client-oriented service;
 - Risk management.
- > An ability to manage to the spirit and principles of the premier's safety Commitment and the legislative requirements of the Work Health and Safety Act 2012 (SA), utilising AS/NZS ISO 31000:2009 Risk Management- Principles and Guidelines, or to an equivalent set of standards.

Experience

- > Experience in quality improvement activities.

Knowledge

- > Understanding of quality improvement principles.
- > Understanding of the rights and responsibilities of patients and their families.

DESIRABLE CHARACTERISTICS

Educational/Vocational Qualifications

- > MD, PhD or other higher degree in an appropriate field.

Personal Abilities/Aptitudes/Skills

- > Experience at a senior level of professional practice.
- > Experience in teaching at an undergraduate and postgraduate level.
- > Experience in research initiatives.

Experience

- > Proven experience in basic computing skills, including email and word processing.

Knowledge

- > Understanding of budgetary requirements affecting the Health System.
- > Understanding of the Health funding model.

Special Conditions:

- > 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 provided a satisfactory current Criminal and Relevant History Screening, as required by the *SA Health Criminal and Relevant History Screening Policy Directive*.
- > 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.
- > For 'Prescribed Positions' under the *Child Safety (Prohibited Persons) Act (2016)*, the individual's WWCCs must be renewed every 5 years from the date of issue; and for 'Approved Aged Care Provider Positions' every 3 years from date of issue as required by the *Accountability Principles 2014* issued pursuant to the *Aged Care Act 1997 (Cth)*.
- > Appointment is subject to immunisation risk category requirements. There may be ongoing immunisation requirements that must be met.
- > 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.

General Requirements:

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

- > *Work Health and Safety Act 2012 (SA)* maintaining your own health and safety and not place others at risk and comply with any reasonable instruction that is given to allow SA Health to comply with the WHS Act, 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.
- > Meet immunisation requirements as outlined by the *Immunisation for Health Care Workers in South Australia Policy Directive*.
- > 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)*.
- > *Information Privacy Principles Instruction*.
- > Relevant Awards, Enterprise Agreements, *Public Sector Act 2009*, *Health Care Act 2008* 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.

The SA Health workforce contributes to the safety and quality of patient care by adhering to the South Australian Charter of Health Care Rights, understanding the intent of the National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards and participating in quality improvement activities as necessary.

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.

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.

Cultural Commitment:

NALHN welcomes and respects Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and values the expertise, cultural knowledge and life experiences they bring to the workplace. In acknowledgement of this, NALHN is committed to increasing the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Workforce.

Resilience:

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

Organisational Context

SA Health

SA Health is committed to protecting and improving the health of all South Australians by providing leadership in health reform, public health services, health and medical research, policy development and planning, with an increased focus on wellbeing, illness prevention, early intervention and quality care.

SA Health is the brand name for the health portfolio of services and agencies responsible to the Minister for Health, the Minister for Health & Wellbeing. The State Government has reformed the governance of SA Health, including establishing 10 Local Health Networks (LHNs), each with its own Governing Board.

These reforms have taken a staged approach, with the most significant changes to taking place from 1 July 2019 when the new Governing Boards become fully operational.

SA Health is comprised of the Department for Health and Wellbeing and the following legal entities:

- > Central Adelaide Local Health Network
- > **Northern Adelaide Local Health Network**
- > Southern Adelaide Local Health Network
- > Women's and Children's Health Network
- > Barossa Hills Fleurieu Local Health Network
- > Eyre and Far North Local Health Network
- > Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network
- > Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network
- > Limestone Coast Local Health Network
- > Yorke and Northern Local Health Network
- > SA Ambulance Service

Northern Adelaide Local Health Network

The Northern Adelaide Local Health Network (NALHN) provides care to more than 400,000 people living in the northern metropolitan area of Adelaide as well as providing a number of state-wide services, and services to those in regional areas. NALHN works to ensure quality and timely delivery of health care, whilst building a highly skilled, engaged, and resilient workforce based on a culture of collaboration, respect, integrity and accountability.

NALHN offers a range of primary health care services across the northern metropolitan area of Adelaide, with a focus on providing preventive and health promoting programs in the community, and transition and hospital substitution and avoidance programs targeted at chronic disease and frail aged.

Clinical leadership of care systems is central to the current national and state-wide health reforms. NALHN care delivery is configured within clinical divisions that are patient-focused, clinically led groupings of services. Clinical Divisions are responsible for managing service delivery activities across NALHN campuses and units, bringing together empowered experts to directly make relevant decisions.

NALHN includes:

- > Lyell McEwin Hospital (LMH) - a 336-bed specialist referral public teaching hospital which has links to the University of Adelaide, University of South Australia and Flinders University. LMH provides a full range of high-quality medical, surgical, diagnostic, emergency and support services.
- > Modbury Hospital is a 174-bed, acute care teaching hospital that provides inpatient, outpatient, emergency services, Aged Care, Rehabilitation and Palliative Care. GP Plus Health Care Centres and Super Clinics
- > Aboriginal Health Services
- > Mental Health Services (including two state wide services – Forensics and Older Persons)
- > Sub-acute Services

The total operating budget for 23/24 for NALHN is \$1.02 bn with a workforce of 4,710 FTE / 6,325 head count.

NALHN Governing Board

The Governing Board members bring to NALHN a wealth of knowledge and experience across many areas.

NALHN is confident that with the support of our highly qualified Governing Board, NALHN will be well placed to achieve better health service decisions tailored to local needs and deliver a safe, high quality and financially sustainable LHN into the future.

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.

As a public sector employee, you have a responsibility to maintain ethical behaviour and professional integrity standards. It is expected that you act in accordance with the Code of Ethics, and contribute to a culture of integrity within SA Health.

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:

Version control and change history

Version	Date from	Date to	Amendment
V1	10/02/17	09/04/17	Original version.
V2	10/04/17	04/07/17	Safety & Quality statement in General Requirements.
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V4	15/05/20	19/10/2020	Organisation Context Updated
V5	20/10/2020	08/04/2021	Organisation Context Updated
V6	09/04/2021	20/12/2023	Financial Delegation Updated Management Position Clause Updated Code of Ethics Clause Updated
V7	21/12/2023		Special Conditions Updated General Requirements Updated Organisational Context Updated