

<b>Position</b>	Consultant Ophthalmologist
<b>Classification</b>	MD02
<b>Division</b>	Surgery and Perioperative Medicine
<b>Department / Section / Unit / Ward</b>	Ophthalmology
<b>Role reports to</b>	Operationally: > Head of Unit, Ophthalmology Professionally: > Head of Unit, Ophthalmology
<b>CHRIS 21 Position Number</b> M54515	<b>Role Created / Review Date</b> 27/03/2023
<b>Criminal History Clearance Requirements</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Police Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Child - Prescribed (Working with Children Check)	<b>Immunisation Risk Category</b> Category A (direct contact with blood or body substances)

## JOB SPECIFICATION

### Primary Objective(s) of role:

The Ophthalmology Consultant provides clinical services of the highest possible standard to Ophthalmology Department patients, both in terms of individual performance and by providing clinical leadership and contribution to a multidisciplinary approach to the delivery of patient care.

The Ophthalmology Consultant is actively involved in teaching medical students and trainee medical officers and where appropriate Nursing and Allied Health. The Ophthalmology Consultant participates in clinical audit and quality, safety and clinical risk management activities and research and continuous medical education activities.

### Direct Reports: (List positions reporting directly to this position)

> Nil

### Key Relationships / Interactions:

#### Internal:

- > Divisional Director, Clinical Director, Unit Head, Fellow, Nursing Director
- > Supervisory, support and educational role to Senior Medical Practitioners, Trainee Medical Officers, Medical Students in the Unit, as well as other staff training within Southern Adelaide Local Health Network.

#### External:

- > Liaises with other Directorates and Services of the LHN, with other health providers in the community and hospital sector as well as with the broader community in the pursuit of comprehensive patient care.

### Challenges associated with Role:

Major challenges currently associated with the role include:

- > Working in a demanding and changing working environment

**Delegations:** (As defined in SALHN instruments of delegations)

(Levels / limits of authority in relation to finance, human resources, Work Health and Safety and administrative requirements as defined by Departmental delegations and policies.)

Financial	N/A
Human Resources	N/A
Procurement	N/A

**Resilience**

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

**Performance Development**

It is your responsibility to actively participate in the Performance Review & Development Program which will include a six (6) monthly review of your performance against the responsibilities and key result areas associated with your position and a requirement to demonstrate appropriate behaviours which reflect a commitment to South Australian Public Sector and SALHN values and strategic directions.

**General Requirements**

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

- > National Safety and Quality Health Care Service Standards.
- > *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.
- > Meet immunisation requirements as outlined in the Immunisation for Health Care Workers in South Australia Policy Directive.
- > Equal Employment Opportunities (including prevention of bullying, harassment and intimidation).
- > *Children's Protection Act 1993 (Cth)* – 'Notification of Abuse or Neglect'.
- > *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2018*.
- > Disability Discrimination.
- > Information Privacy Principles.
- > 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.

### 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.

### Special Conditions

- > It is mandatory that no person, whether or not currently working in SA Health, will be eligible for appointment to a position in SA Health unless they have obtained a satisfactory Background Screening and National Criminal History Clearance.
- > Prescribed Positions under the *Child Safety (Prohibited Persons) Act 2016* and Child Safety (Prohibited Persons) Regulations 2019 must obtain a Working with Children Clearance through the Screening Unit, Department of Human Services.
- > Working with Children Clearance must be renewed every five (5) years.
- > 'Approved Aged Care Provider Positions' as defined under the Accountability Principles 1998 made in pursuant to the *Aged Care Act 2007 (Cth)* must be renewed every 3 years.
- > Appointment and ongoing employment is subject to immunisation requirements as per Risk Category identified on page 1.
- > 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 2008* 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 Areas	Major Responsibilities
Direct/indirect patient/client care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Commitment to delivering high quality and safe care consistent with the SALHN Integrated Governance Framework and Consumer Engagement Framework and Plan.</li> <li>&gt; Commitment to the provision of a multidisciplinary approach to clinical care by:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– working harmoniously with all members of the clinical team</li> <li>– being responsive to the expectations and needs of both clinical and non-clinical colleagues.</li> </ul> </li> <li>&gt; Engender a consumer focus in service delivery by:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– ensuring patients are able to exercise their rights and responsibilities</li> <li>– ensuring that patients and families are given adequate information upon which to base treatment decisions and follow up</li> <li>– being responsive to complaints from patients and their relatives.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Professional Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Provide a high quality clinical service and clinical leadership by:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– providing appropriate specialist level care to patients</li> <li>– coordinating the follow up care of patients</li> <li>– providing clinical supervision to Senior Medical Practitioners, Trainee Medical Officers and Medical Students</li> <li>– contributing to an after-hours on-call service in accordance with a roster agreed by the Department Director</li> <li>– overseeing the smooth functioning of the clinical area when on shift</li> <li>– ensuring the maintenance of comprehensive clinical records which document significant patient management decisions</li> <li>– ensuring effective communication with other care providers to promote continuity of patient care</li> </ul> </li> <li>&gt; Provide appropriate support, direction and training to trainee medical officers and medical students by:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– providing appropriate direction and supervision to registrars, resident medical officers and interns</li> <li>– acting as a role model and mentor for medical students, registrars, resident medical officers and interns</li> </ul> </li> <li>&gt; participating in the education of registrars, resident medical officers, interns and students</li> </ul>
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Commitment to personal and professional development by:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Attending conferences to maintain and enhance knowledge</li> <li>– Participating in programs designed to provide personal growth and development</li> <li>– Participating in and complying with College based programs directed towards maintaining the highest standards of professional care</li> </ul> </li> <li>&gt; Participate in Performance Review &amp; Development Program.</li> </ul>
Continuous Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Demonstrate a commitment to continuous service improvement by:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Participating in the development of clinical guidelines and protocols</li> <li>– Attending and participating in clinical and departmental meetings</li> <li>– Participating in departmental peer review and audit activities</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continuously reviewing existing practices and promoting change where required</li> <li>- Participating in quality programs undertaken by SALHN</li> <li>- Participating in the identification and minimisation of risk within the clinical and work environment</li> </ul>
Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Participate in and contribute to the academic life of the Department at the direction of the Head of the Department by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conducting research</li> <li>- Participating in the research discussions</li> </ul> </li> <li>&gt; Contributing to the supervision of postgraduate students.</li> </ul>
Contribution to effective operation of unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Contributing to the development of an integrated team approach and culture which is highly responsive to the needs of our consumers.</li> <li>&gt; Contributing to the promotion and implementation of the objects and principles of the Health Care Act 2008 and Public Sector Act 2009 (inclusive of the Code of Ethics for the South Australian Public Sector).</li> <li>&gt; Adhering to the provisions of relevant legislation including, but not limited to, the Equal Opportunity Act 1984, Work Health and Safety Act 2012 (SA) (WHS), Awards and Enterprise Agreements.</li> <li>&gt; Demonstrating appropriate behaviours which reflect a commitment to the Department of Health values and strategic directions.</li> <li>&gt; Undertaking training as required to attain and maintain required competency of skills and knowledge applicable to the role.</li> </ul>

## 1. 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 (Ophthalmology); or another qualification as defined in the SA Medical Officers Award.

### Personal Abilities/Aptitudes/Skills

- > Demonstrated high standard of clinical practice in Ophthalmology.
- > Maintaining work/life balance while adhering to rostering expectations.
- > Managing difficult situations and people at times of stress.
- > Ensuring good communication between health care professionals through accurate and objective written notes
- > Demonstrated professional integrity, leadership and motivational skills.
- > Demonstrated ability to work in a multidisciplinary team.
- > Demonstrated participation in approved continuing medical education since attaining specialist qualification.
- > Demonstrated commitment to quality improvement.
- > Effective interpersonal communication skills.
- > Ability to work independently and exercise a high level of professional judgement and medical competence in a multidisciplinary setting.
- > Respect for the rights and responsibilities of patients and their families.
- > Ability to organise work priorities in planning, development and implementation of tasks in meeting deadlines.
- > Ability to work independently and exercise a high level of professional judgement and medical competence in a multidisciplinary setting.
- > Respect for the rights and responsibilities of patients and their families.
- > Proven commitment to the principles and practise of:
  - EEO, Ethical Conduct, Diversity and Worker Health & Safety.
  - Quality management and the provision of person and family centred care.
  - Risk management.

### Experience

- > Experience with the supervision and teaching of undergraduate and postgraduate medical staff.
- > Extensive clinical experience relevant to work in Ophthalmology.
- > Experience in quality improvement activities.
- > Proven experience in delivering high quality and safe care consistent with the National Safety and Quality Health Care Service Standards. (Mandatory for all clinical positions.)
- > Proven experience in basic computing skills, including email and word processing.

### Knowledge

- > Awareness of National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards.
- > Understanding of Delegated Safety Roles and Responsibilities.
- > Understanding of Work Health Safety principles and procedures.
- > Understanding of Quality Management principles and procedures.
- > Awareness of person and family centred care principles and consumer engagement principles and procedures.
- > Knowledge of Equal Employment Opportunity principles
- > Knowledge of the Code of Fair Information Practice
- > Understanding of the rights and responsibilities of patients and their families
- > Working knowledge of Microsoft Office applications

## 2. DESIRABLE CHARACTERISTICS (to distinguish between applicants who meet all essential requirements)

### Personal Abilities/Aptitudes/Skills

- > Ability to work within and provide leadership for multidisciplinary team
- > Ability to work constructively with nursing and medical staff.
- > Demonstrate a flexible approach to working within a multi-disciplinary team.

### Experience

- > Experience in a broad range of medical fields relevant to the practice of emergency medicine.
- > Experience in a variety of settings working with a range of populations including Indigenous and culturally and linguistically diverse communities would be an advantage.
- > Experience in research activities.

### Knowledge

- > Awareness of the Charter of Health and Community Services rights.
- > Knowledge of the Public Health System.
- > Knowledge of Evidence Based Medicine & Best Practice Principles.
- > Understanding of budgetary requirements affecting the Health System.
- > Awareness of the Charter of Health and Community Services rights.

### Educational/Vocational Qualifications

- > Nil

## 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.

## SA Health Challenges

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

## 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.

## Governing Boards

The State Government is reforming the governance of SA Health, including from 1 July 2019 the establishment of 10 Local Health Networks, each with its own Governing Board.

Statewide	> Women's and Children's Health Network
Metropolitan	> Central Adelaide Local Health Network > Southern Adelaide Local Health Network > Northern Adelaide Local Health Network
Regional	> Barossa Hills Fleurieu Local Health Network > Yorke and Northern Local Health Network > Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network > Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network > Eyre and Far North Local Health Network > South East Local Health Network

## Southern Adelaide Local Health Network (SALHN)

SALHN provides care for more than 350,000 people living in the southern metropolitan area of Adelaide as well as providing a number of statewide services, and services to those in regional areas. More than 7,500 skilled staff provide high quality patient care, education, research and health promoting services.

SALHN provides a range of acute and sub-acute health services for people of all ages.

SALHN includes

- > [Flinders Medical Centre](#)
- > [Noarlunga Hospital](#)
- > [GP Plus Health Care Centres and Super Clinics](#)
- > [Mental Health Services](#)
- > Sub-acute services, including [Repat Health Precinct](#)
- > [Jamie Larcombe Centre](#)
- > [Aboriginal Family Clinics](#)

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**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; it sets out the **South Australian Public Sector Values** as:

- > **Service** – We proudly serve the community and Government of South Australia.
- > **Professionalism** – We strive for excellence.
- > **Trust** – We have confidence in the ability of others.
- > **Respect** – We value every individual.
- > **Collaboration & engagement** – We create solutions together.
- > **Honesty & integrity** – We act truthfully, consistently, and fairly.
- > **Courage & tenacity** – We never give up.
- > **Sustainability** – We work to get the best results for current and future generations of South Australians.

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

**Domestic and Family Violence**

The Southern Adelaide Local Health Network (SALHN) recognises the devastating impact domestic or family violence can have on the lives, of those who experience abuse and are committed to supporting employees who experience domestic or family violence by providing a workplace environment that provides flexibility and supports their safety.

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**Role Acceptance**

I have read and understand the responsibilities associated with the Consultant Ophthalmologist in the Division of Surgery and Perioperative Medicine and organisational context and the values of SA Health as described within this document.

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Name

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Signature

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Date