



## ROLE DESCRIPTION

<b>Role Title:</b>	Colorectal Consultant
<b>Classification Code:</b>	MDO2
<b>LHN/ HN/ SAAS/ DHA:</b>	Northern Adelaide Local Health Network
<b>Hospital/ Service/ Cluster</b>	Lyell McEwin Hospital & Modbury Hospital
<b>Division:</b>	Division of Surgical Specialties
<b>Department/Section / Unit/ Ward:</b>	Colorectal Unit
<b>Role reports to:</b>	Colorectal Head of Unit
<b>Role Created/ Reviewed Date:</b>	September 2024
<b>Criminal History Clearance Requirements:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Aged (NPC) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Working with Children Check (WWCC) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vulnerable (NPC) <input type="checkbox"/> General Probity (NPC)
<b>Immunisation Risk Category</b>	<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 appointee will have an FRACS or equivalent and be eligible for enrolment on the Specialist Register of South Australia.
- > The appointee will have significant experience in the field of colorectal surgery including open and laparoscopic procedures, and colonoscopy. Advanced level skills in minimally invasive surgery and experience in managing complex pelvic floor conditions would be an asset.
- > The appointee will have undertaken subspecialist training in Colorectal surgery, with substantial expertise in managing patients with colorectal cancer, diverticular disease, inflammatory bowel disease and pelvic floor disorders.
- > Clinical research expertise and a demonstrated commitment to ongoing research is essential.
- > He/she will be responsible for managing the care of all patients allocated to them in collaboration with the responsible Medical Officers, Registrars, fellow Consultants, Nurses and Allied Health professionals.
- > He/she must undertake a commitment to continuous quality improvement activities including regular Surgical Audit.

### Direct Reports:

- > Nil

### Key Relationships/ Interactions:

- > The reporting relationships will be to the Director of Surgery for matters of administration and clinical governance and will work collaboratively with other Consultant Surgeons in the specific surgical disciplines.
- > Reports to the Head of the Colorectal Surgical Unit for Clinical matters.
- > A significant willingness to join hospital committees as required.
- > He/she will be jointly responsible for the teaching and supervision of medical students, RMOs Surgical Registrars and the Colorectal fellow allocated to the Colorectal Unit.

**Challenges associated with Role:**

Major challenges currently associated with the role include:

**Delegations:**

> Nil Delegations

**Key Result Area and Responsibilities**

<b>Key Result Areas</b>	<b>Major Responsibilities</b>
Contribute to the provision of high standard clinical services to patients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Provision of specialist surgical services to patients, with a wide range of colorectal pathology.</li> <li>&gt; Successful Candidate will participate in the on-call roster along with the other consultants as per discretion of the Divisional Director.</li> <li>&gt; Provision of a specialist opinion on patients referred for consultation, including regular outpatient clinics and inpatient consultation on the wards.</li> <li>&gt; Provision of clinical leadership to facilitate and support a team approach to the provision of clinical services;</li> <li>&gt; Supervision and mentoring the clinical practice of trainee medical officers;</li> <li>&gt; 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;</li> <li>&gt; Assisting the Head of Unit in planning and organising the delivery of clinical services;</li> <li>&gt; Fostering the development of community networks appropriate to the unit's work;</li> </ul>
Contribute to teaching/training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Contributing to medical teaching/training programs at undergraduate and postgraduate levels;</li> <li>&gt; Providing appraisals of medical undergraduates and trainee medical officers assigned to the unit;</li> <li>&gt; Contributing to the training of other health professionals.</li> </ul>
Contribute to advances in knowledge in the speciality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Initiating and participating in research</li> </ul>
Contributing to continuous evaluation and improvement of clinical services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; 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.</li> <li>&gt; Participating in and promoting surgical audit of unit activities.</li> </ul>
Contributing to the efficient management of the financial and material resources of the Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Using facilities, equipment and supplies in the most cost efficient manner;</li> <li>&gt; Understanding and complying with the LMHS delegations of authority;</li> <li>&gt; Contributing to case-mix management by ensuring that appropriate practices are in place to ensure the timely coding of required data.</li> <li>&gt; Ensuring accurate coding of all operative procedures</li> </ul>
Contributing to a patient focused approach in the provision of clinical care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Adhering to and supporting practices that ensure patients' rights are respected;</li> <li>&gt; Investigating and addressing patients complaints in a positive, constructive manner;</li> <li>&gt; Maximising the participation of consumers in planning and evaluating services.</li> </ul>
Contribute to the adoption of responsive risk management practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Maintaining an awareness of risk in the clinical environment;</li> <li>&gt; Actively supporting and contributing to risk management initiatives;</li> <li>&gt; Reporting sentinel events, potential medical negligence claims and adverse patient incidents.</li> </ul>

<p>Contribute to the provision of a safe, healthy and equitable work environment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Reporting all staff accidents, incidents and near misses;</li> <li>&gt; Complying with reasonable instructions or procedures aimed at protecting the health and safety of self and others;</li> <li>&gt; Carrying out responsibilities as detailed in occupational health, safety and injury management policies and procedures;</li> <li>&gt; Maintaining a knowledge of, and adhering to the principles and standards of equal employment opportunity legislation which ensures all employees are treated in a fair and equitable manner, free from discrimination, bullying and harassment.</li> <li>&gt; Being aware of, and observing, the SA Public Service Code of Ethics and Respectful Behaviours Policy</li> </ul>
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## **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 aptitude and interest in Colorectal Surgery
- > Demonstrated aptitude and experience in Colonoscopy, GESA accreditation in endoscopy and colonoscopy highly desirable
- > Demonstrated aptitude in laparoscopic colorectal surgery
- > Demonstrated experience in the diagnosis and management of pelvic floor conditions including experience in endoanal ultrasound
- > Excellent clinical and technical skills in managing Emergency General Surgical patients
- > Demonstrated professional integrity
- > Demonstrated ability to work in a multidisciplinary team environment, in particular to relate well to other medical practitioners, health professionals, patients and the public;
- > Demonstrated commitment to quality improvement
- > Demonstrated ability to be adaptable to change
- > Demonstrated ability to supervise staff
- > Demonstrated ability to assist with organisation of education programs for medical officers, trainee medical officers and undergraduate medical students
- > Desire and ability to engage with developments in digital technology
- > High level of skill in negotiation and communication.
- > Skill in problem solving and decision making at both the clinical and the individual level.
- > Commitment to quality management philosophy and devolved responsibility.
- > Commitment to patient and relative participation in patient care.
- > Ability to react positively to change.

#### **Experience**

- > Significant experience in the provision of Colorectal and General Surgery.
- > Experience within a large teaching hospital.

#### **Knowledge**

- > An extensive knowledge of the full spectrum of disease affecting the small and large bowel, rectum, anus and pelvic floor.
- > A wide ranging knowledge of all general surgical conditions including diagnostic and management options.
- > Knowledge of contemporary medical practice and procedures appropriate to the level of the position.
- > Knowledge of investigations and treatments appropriate to the level of the position.
- > Knowledge of Equal Employment Opportunity principles and procedures.
- > Knowledge of the Code of Fair Information Practice.
- > Understanding of Work Health and Safety principles and procedures
- > Understanding of the Australian National Safety & Quality Health Service Standards

## **DESIRABLE CHARACTERISTICS**

### **Educational/Vocational Qualifications**

- > Evidence of research and ideally publications of original work in referee journals.

### **Personal Abilities/Aptitudes/Skills:**

- > Applicant should ideally be eligible for membership of the Colorectal Surgical Society of Australia and New Zealand, or plan to apply for such membership.
- > Interest in extending skills in laparoscopic colorectal surgery.
- > Robotic colorectal surgical exposure and ideally experience
- > Interest in pelvic floor conditions.
- > Experience in quality improvement activities.
- > Administrative experience and high level IT skills including database construction and management
- > Commitment and enthusiasm in teaching
- > Ability and enthusiasm to undertake research.
- > Knowledge of the SA Public Health system.
- > EMST accreditation or willingness to undergo training to achieve it.
- > Ability to work constructively with nursing and medical staff

### **Experience**

- > Experience at a high level of professional practice as a colorectal surgical fellow or consultant
- > Experience in teaching at an undergraduate and postgraduate level.
- > Experience in research initiatives.
- > Experience in management of acute trauma and surgical emergencies
- > Past experience in clinical department (s) of a teaching hospital.
- > Competence with computer based clinical systems.
- > Past experience with development and implementation of quality or patient safety projects.

### **Knowledge**

- > Understanding of budgetary issues affecting the Health System.
- > A sound clinical knowledge of the medical practices appropriate to the department in which the TMO will be working.

### 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 statewide 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**

<b>Version</b>	<b>Date from</b>	<b>Date to</b>	<b>Amendment</b>
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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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
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