

Function Statement

Clinical Lead (Physiotherapist)



The Statement of Duties associated with this role is generic and is used for all generic Clinical Lead Allied Health Professional positions in the Tasmanian Health Service State-wide. The purpose of this Function Statement is to give more information about the requirements of this clinical lead role. Please read this Function Statement alongside the Statement of Duties.

Title	Clinical Lead (Physiotherapist)
Business Unit	Physiotherapy, Allied Health, THS North
Location	Launceston General Hospital (LGH)
Business Unit Description	<p>Our Physiotherapy department's mission is to provide exceptional evidence-based physiotherapy services to our consumers through a workplace with staff belong, enjoy and excel.</p> <p>Physiotherapists, alongside Allied Health Assistants work across all areas of care within this departments- acute, sub-acute, outpatient and community.</p> <p>We look for team members who will fit our strong team culture. Strong communication skills and high professional standards are considered essential qualities.</p> <p>Physiotherapy based at the Launceston General Hospital has a strong and developing relationship with our orthopaedic department service and is looking to implement a new and evidence informed model. The model aspires to provide best practice physiotherapy led assessment and triage service collaborating with downstream multidisciplinary services for patients with osteoarthritis primarily of the hip and/or knee.</p>
Specific Duties/Responsibilities	<p>The Clinical Lead Physiotherapist leading and developing the newly funded - Joint Assessment and Triage Service (JATS) will be responsible for the establishment and provision of efficient and effective clinical physiotherapy services, with professional direction, support and advice provided by the Team Lead - Musculoskeletal, including evaluation of work performance.</p> <p>The Clinical Lead Physiotherapist JATS will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Provide advanced scope physiotherapy assessments, treatment planning, interventions and investigation/intervention referrals for patients of the Orthopaedic Department in relation primarily to



	<p>Hip and Knee Osteoarthritis (OA), notwithstanding service expansion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Work independently, in collaboration with the Team Lead – Musculoskeletal and the wider Orthopaedic and Team, to deliver direct patient care in accordance with patients' needs and goals.○ Provide professional leadership and direction to establish the physiotherapy led Joint Assessment and Triage Service and evaluate the service model○ Be responsible for establishing and maintaining a collaborative working relationship within the multi-disciplinary Orthopaedic Team and Allied Health team to achieve optimal client and service outcomes.○ Demonstrate commitment to clinical quality and safety through continual learning and development and application of evidence-based practice and research.○ Exercise high-level initiative and independent judgement in the resolution of more complex technical or critical professional problems.○ Participate in and provide high-level clinical advice to professional development programs for staff of the THS – North.○ Be responsible for own practice within relevant professional guidelines.○ Be responsible for the efficient and effective management of delegated activities.○ Regularly attend state and national clinical conferences relevant to this specialised area.○ Comply at all times with policy and protocol requirements, in particular those relating to mandatory education, training and assessment.
Preferred Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum five years' experience as a physiotherapist.• Australian Physiotherapy Association Physiotherapist title holder (either academic or experiential pathway).• Post-graduate qualification in relevant field or working towards.





	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Diverse and recent experience in the public healthcare setting
Preferred Skills (see Statement of Duties)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please see selection criteria in the Statement of Duties• High level and proven skills in professional interpersonal relationship and conflict resolution• Demonstrated skills in project management and/or research• Current driver's licence

