



## ROLE DESCRIPTION

<b>Role Title:</b>	Consultant Cardiologist		
<b>Classification Code:</b>	MD2	Position Number	Various
<b>LHN/ HN/ SAAS/ DHA:</b>	Central Adelaide Local Health Network (CALHN)		
<b>Site/Directorate</b>	Royal Adelaide Hospital and The Queen Elizabeth Hospital		
<b>Division:</b>	Heart and Lung		
<b>Department/Section / Unit/ Ward:</b>	Cardiology		
<b>Role reports to:</b>	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’s Check (WWCC) (DHS) <input type="checkbox"/> Vulnerable (NPC) <input checked="" 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

<b>Primary Objective(s) of role:</b>
<p>The Consultant, Cardiology, CALHN:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contributes best practice care as part of the interventional structural heart program</li> <li>• Contributes to the provision of safe, best practice clinical services to patients of, and referred to, the CALHN Cardiology Unit.</li> <li>• Contributes to the service achieving best practice in the design and delivery of clinical services to its patients.</li> <li>• Contributes to research/teaching/training for the department.</li> </ul>
<b>Direct Reports:</b>
Will be required to supervise the clinical practice of allocated trainee medical officers in the unit.
<b>Key Relationships/ Interactions:</b>
<p><u>Internal</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will be required to collaborate closely with other medical staff within the Unit, other health professions, and administrative staff of the Cardiology Unit, as well as relevant nursing and allied health leaders and managers of the LHN.</li> <li>• The Consultant also plays a vital supervisory, support and educational role to junior medical officers in the Unit.</li> </ul> <p><u>External</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community health providers and training organisations relevant to the unit</li> </ul>

**Challenges associated with Role:**

Major challenges currently associated with the role include:

- Contribute to teaching and training in a continuously changing environment by assigning and supervising the clinical practice of allocated trainee medical officers to maintain best practice clinical services to patients of, and referred to, the Cardiology Unit.
- Contribute to the efficient management of the financial and material resources of the Unit by using facilities, equipment and supplies in the most cost-efficient manner.

**Delegations:**

Nil

**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 the 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)* 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 both CALHN and the broader 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:**

CALHN 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, CALHN is committed to increasing the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Workforce. Our Reconciliation Action Plan guides, supports and holds us accountable as we uphold our values and focus on making reconciliation a reality. The plan can be found at [centraladelaide.health.sa.gov.au](http://centraladelaide.health.sa.gov.au).

**Resilience:**

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

**Integrity Statement:**

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

## Key Result Area and Responsibilities

Key Result Areas	Major Responsibilities
Clinical Care	<p>Contribute to the provision of high standard clinical services to patients of, and referred to, the service by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing high quality professional services.</li> <li>• Providing a specialist cardiologist opinion and management for referred clients.</li> <li>• Providing clinical leadership to facilitate and support a team approach to the provision of clinical services.</li> <li>• Participating in relevant interdisciplinary meetings.</li> <li>• Ensuring appropriate documentation in patients' medical records, including written specialist opinions and requested medical reports.</li> <li>• Assisting the Head of Unit in planning, organising and implementing the delivery of clinical services.</li> <li>• Provision of, or assisting in, the provision of services at other sites within CALHN.</li> <li>• Other duties as directed by the relevant Head of Unit.</li> </ul>
Teaching and Research	<p>Contribute to teaching/training by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contributing to medical teaching/training programs at undergraduate &amp; postgraduate levels.</li> <li>• Assisting in the supervision of staff providing services in the LHN.</li> <li>• Contributing to the training of other health professionals.</li> </ul> <p>Contribute to advances in knowledge in the specialty by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initiating and participating in research.</li> </ul>
Continuous Improvement	<p>Contribute to continuous evaluation and improvement of clinical services by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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>• Maintaining an awareness of risk in the clinical environment.</li> <li>• Actively supporting and contributing to risk management initiatives.</li> <li>• Reporting sentinel events, potential medical negligence claims and adverse patient incidents.</li> </ul>
Resource Management	<p>Contribute to the efficient management of the financial and material resources of the Service by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Using facilities, equipment and supplies in the most cost-efficient manner.</li> <li>• Contributing to casemix management by ensuring that appropriate practices are in place to ensure the timely coding of required data.</li> </ul>
Patient Centred	<p>Contribute to a patient focused approach in the provision of clinical care by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adhering to and supporting practices that ensure patients' rights are respected.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investigating and addressing patient complaints in a positive, constructive matter.</li> <li>• Maximising the participation of consumers in planning and evaluating services.</li> </ul>
Personal Development	<p>Contribute to personal development by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completing all CALHN mandatory training to ensure knowledge and skills in core competencies are up to date.</li> <li>• Meet annually with direct supervisor or head of department to complete a performance review and development.</li> <li>• Maintaining &amp; improving personal knowledge &amp; skills &amp; participating in continuing medical education.</li> <li>• Contributing to the activities of professional associations where appropriate.</li> <li>• Carrying out reviews and investigations relevant to the advancement of the specialty.</li> <li>• Promoting where possible the Service's reputation for research and clinical excellence at state, national and international forums.</li> </ul>
Intellectual Property	<p>Contribute to the safeguard of confidential information and intellectual property of the Hospital by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adhering to the LHN and SA Health policies on confidentiality of patient information and privacy.</li> <li>• Adhering to the LHNs policies on information technology security.</li> <li>• Adhering to the LHNs policies on intellectual property.</li> </ul>

## **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 Australian Health Practitioner Registration Authority with Specialist Registration

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

- Demonstrated clinical excellence in cardiology and structural intervention
- Enthusiastic participation in all professional activities
- Commitment to personal and professional development
- Participation in an appropriate program for the maintenance of professional standards
- Demonstrated strong spirit of co-operation with all co-workers while retaining a primary focus on provision of patient care
- Highly developed interpersonal skills with demonstrated ability to communicate effectively to all levels of staff within a multidisciplinary clinical team
- Demonstrated ability to be flexible and work as part of a team while ensuring quality outcomes clinically and administratively
- Demonstrated skills in clear and concise oral and written communication
- Ability to liaise with people from diverse cultures and backgrounds
- Demonstrated ability to work in a multidisciplinary team environment
- Demonstrated commitment to quality improvement
- Demonstrated ability to be adaptable to change

#### **Experience:**

- Structural interventional fellowship with extensive experience in TAVI, PFO, ASD, LAAO, etc.
- Experience in the clinical practice of cardiology and management of patients with structural heart disease
- Experience in quality improvement activities
- Experience in global clinical trial conduct and leadership
- Experience in system improvement and models of care

#### **Knowledge:**

- Knowledge at a specialist level of the theoretical understanding and clinical practice of cardiology
- Knowledge of appropriate clinical standards
- Knowledge of policies, protocols & procedures to ensure acceptable practices
- 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
- Demonstrated participation in continuing medical education in the field of cardiology.
- Published writings or educational material in an appropriate field

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

- None stated

### **Experience**

- Demonstrated high standard of clinical practice in the relevant specialty
- Demonstrated ability to supervise research students
- Demonstrated professional integrity
- Demonstrated ability to work in a multidisciplinary team environment
- Demonstrated commitment to quality improvement
- Demonstrated ability to be adaptable to change

### **Knowledge**

- Understanding of budgetary requirements affecting the Health System
- Knowledge of health unit, systems, policies, procedures and the inter-relationship of various hospital



## Organisational Context

### Organisational Overview:

At CALHN we are shaping the future of health with world-class care and world-class research. This is fundamental in assisting us to achieve our vision of becoming one of the top five performing health services in Australia and one of the top 50 performing health services in the world within five years.

We are part of SA Health, which is the brand name for the public health system. As a system SA Health's mission 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 Strategic 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.

### Central Adelaide Local Health Network:

Established in July 2011, CALHN is one of five Local Health Networks (LHNs) in South Australia and we are accountable to the Central Adelaide Local Health Network Governing Board. Our board has oversight of our strategy, risk management, governance and performance, and works with our Chief Executive Officer to provide strategic direction for our network.

CALHN is responsible for the following health services:

- Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH)
- The Queen Elizabeth Hospital (TQEH)
- Hampstead Rehabilitation Centre (HRC)
- St Margaret's Rehabilitation Hospital (SMRH)
- Glenside Health Service (GHS) Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit; Inpatient Rehabilitation Services and Acute beds only
- Adelaide Dental Hospital (ADH).

CALHN also has governance over numerous community mental health and primary health services including Prison Health Service, SA Dental Service and DonatLife SA. Of note also is governance of the Statewide Clinical Support Services (SCSS) including SA Medical Imaging (SAMI), SA For Official Use Only – IV7

Pathology SA Pharmacy and BreastScreenSA, responsibility of which has vacillated between CALHN and DHW over the past few years.

CALHN is one of three metropolitan LHNs and its core population is approximately 390,000 people. CALHN also provides services to patients from other SA networks, rural and remote areas, the Northern Territory, NSW (Broken Hill) and western parts of Victoria. These services usually relate to complex services such as head and neck cancer, radiation therapy, cardiac surgery, spinal surgery or rehabilitation.

CALHN's purpose is to deliver quality and sustainable healthcare. While the delivery of high quality patient care is our number one priority, underpinning our goals is good governance, improved patient experience, business operations, efficiency and financial performance and more accountable and contemporary ways of working.

To find out more about CALHN visit [centraladelaide.health.sa.gov.au](http://centraladelaide.health.sa.gov.au).

## Values and behaviours

### Central Adelaide Local Health Network Values

Our values, together with our vision and ambitions provide direction for everything that happens across our network. They outline who we are, what we stand for, what our consumers and their families can expect from us and what we can expect from each other. They guide our decisions and actions.

#### Values

*People first*

#### Behaviours

- I am there for my patients and colleagues when they need me most.
- I put myself in my patients and colleagues shoes to understand their needs.
- I go out of my way to make sure my patients and colleagues achieve the best outcome and have a great experience.
- I respect uniqueness in my colleagues, our patients and their families.

*Ideas driven*

- I look and listen to ensure I fully understand the problem and find a solution.
- I look for ways to break-down barriers and silos to hear new perspectives and solve complex problems.
- I invest in my own learning and look for opportunities to explore and introduce new ideas.
- I am interested in critical research and how it informs creative thinking.

*Future focussed*

- I embrace leading practices and use them to evolve our ways of working.
- I lead and support change to improve patient and organisational outcomes.
- I am constantly on the look-out for opportunities to improve.

*Community minded*

- I put my hand up to lead work that matters.
- I am accountable and focused on value.
- I value and champion diversity.
- I embrace collaboration and constructive partnerships.

### 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 CALHN as described within this document.

**Name:**

**Signature:**

**Date:**