

Emergency Medicine

ACEM Trainees come to the Eye and Ear for 6 months to gain specialist knowledge in the assessment and treatment of ENT and Ophthalmology ED presentations. The ED is open 24/7, treating a range of conditions from conjunctivitis to severe penetrating eye injuries and post-tonsillar bleeds.

The ACEM training program comprises:

- 1 year of provisional training with a primary exam
- 4 years of advanced training (post primary)
- Research project
- Fellowship Examination

For further information regarding Emergency Medicine training visit www.acem.org.au

Hospital Medical Officers

Each year the Eye and Ear takes several PGY3 doctors for a 12 month period. These doctors are based in Wards and our specialised ED, where each year we see approximately 32,000 eye and 15,000 Otolaryngology presentations.

This experience is extremely rewarding for those who are looking towards a career in either ophthalmology or otolaryngology. Many past HMOs have subsequently been successful with their College training applications at the Eye and Ear.

"The HMO year is a flexible position which opens up many opportunities. In addition to building up clinical experience in the ED, there are research opportunities, attending speciality teaching and networking with other Ophthalmologists."

Daini Ong

1st year Ophthalmology Trainee 2011
(Eye and Ear HMO 2010)



Information Session for HMO's & Emergency Registrars

A recruitment information session will be held for those wishing to apply for Emergency Medicine Registrar or Hospital Medical Officer [PGY3] positions (ENT/Ophthalmology) for 2012.

When: Tuesday 7th June 2011
Venue: The Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital, Lucy Jones Hall
Enter via Gisborne Street, East Melbourne.
Time: 6.00pm – 7.00pm
Register: Geraldine.Apswoude@eyeandear.org.au

2012 Recruitment

The opening and closing dates for each position may vary. Please check the individual advertisements on our website for any variations or updates. Applications will only be accepted via our website www.eyearandear.org.au

Hospital Medical Officers

Open - 13 June 2011 Close - 15 July 2011

Emergency Registrars

Open - 13 June 2011 Close - 15 July 2011

1st to 3rd year Ophthalmology Registrars

Open - 13 June 2011 Close - 15 July 2011

(Victorian Selection Interviews for 1st year Ophthalmology Registrars will be held on 15 August 2011). First year applicants must apply to the Hospital directly as well as registering with the College.

All Fellows & Senior Eye Registrars

Open - 16 May 2011 Close - 10 June 2011

*Dates correct at time of publishing.
Please refer to our website.*



**The Royal Victorian
Eye & Ear Hospital**
caring in every sense

MEDICAL CAREERS



eyeandear.org.au

Hospital Information and Range of Services

The Eye and Ear provides a state-wide specialised, tertiary, secondary, primary and emergency eye and ear health care service. It is internationally recognised as a leader in clinical service delivery, teaching and research in both ophthalmology and otolaryngology.

The Hospital operates from a central hub in East Melbourne to ensure ease of access to Eye and Ear specialists. Services are also provided in outpatient and community settings and via telemedicine facilities in eight regional and rural health services across Victoria and interstate.

The Hospital has 30 inpatient and 10 medi-hotel beds. In 2010 we had more than 180,000 outpatient attendances, 47,000 ED presentations, 13,000 inpatient attendances and 13,000 theatre attendances. The Eye and Ear undertakes 30% of the State's public general eye surgery, a large proportion of specialist eye surgery, extensive paediatric services and the majority of the State's public cochlear implant surgery.

Research Collaboration

Collaboration with our research partners is invaluable to the eye and ear health of Australia. In particular our partnerships with the Centre for Eye Research Australia (CERA), the University of Melbourne, the Bionic Ear Institute (BEI) and the Hearing Cochlear Research Centre continue to be at the core of our work.

Significant research projects this year include: a nano-second laser treatment for AMD; the development of a cochlear hybrid; and the announcement of Federal funding for the creation of a Bionic Eye which like the Bionic Ear will first be implanted at the Eye and Ear.

Training

In conjunction with Melbourne's leading universities, we teach and train:

- Undergraduate Medical, Orthoptic and Optometry students
- Postgraduate Ophthalmology, Ear, Nose & Throat, and Anaesthetic students
- Emergency Medicine
- Postgraduate Nursing (internal certificate) students
- Postgraduate Optometry students

Training Posts

Ophthalmology

Trainees spend their first year based at the Eye and Ear. After that they may be seconded to other metropolitan or regional hospitals and interstate locations. Trainees treat adult and paediatric patients.

The Vocational Training Program takes five years to complete. It comprises:

- 2 years of basic training during which trainees must demonstrate integrated clinical skills and knowledge in the Ophthalmic Sciences (OS) and the Ophthalmic Basic Competencies and Knowledge (OBCK).
- 2 years of advanced training during which trainees are expected to demonstrate integrated knowledge, clinical and surgical skills as documented in the clinical standards.
- A final year during which the trainee develops their specialist experience in preparation for specialist qualification and to function in the community as an independent ophthalmologist.

On completion of the Vocational Training Program graduates are eligible to apply for a fellowship of RANZCO. For further information regarding Ophthalmology training visit www.ranzco.edu

Ophthalmology— Medicine or Surgery?

An ophthalmologist is a medically trained doctor who commonly acts as both physician and surgeon.

As such, Ophthalmology is an excellent career for doctors who have an interest in both. Some ophthalmic problems can be treated with medication as many do not require surgical intervention. More than 50% of new ophthalmic referrals present with a medical rather than a surgical problem and involve a wide range of diseases, from neurology, endocrinology and rheumatology with ocular manifestations.

On the surgical side, cataract surgery is the most commonly performed surgery and has a dramatic effect on the person's quality of life. This, as well as many other areas of the eye, require the use of an operating microscope. Other surgery involves the orbit, eyelids and eye muscles. Many types of laser are now also employed.

Otolaryngology (ENT) Head and Neck

SET trainees in Head & Neck, Otology and Rhinology spend from 12 months at the Eye and Ear campus. Rhinology and Otolaryngology Fellows are also engaged in research.

The Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery training program takes a minimum of four years. Trainees rotate through a combination of at least three hospital posts to obtain wide experience and secure progressive responsibility. For further information regarding surgical training visit www.racs.edu.au

Anaesthetics

A full time Registrar and Research Fellow are complemented by trainees rotating from other Melbourne Hospitals. They spend up to 12 months at the Eye and Ear learning a full range of anaesthesia practices in ophthalmology and ENT work. Fellows are exposed to cochlear implants (an area in which the Eye and Ear is a world leader), major head and neck surgery and high frequency ventilator for laryngeal surgery, including laser. There is also exposure to paediatric cases. Trainees also attend tutorials at St. Vincent's Hospital.

The ANZCA approved training sequence encompasses an initial two-year prevocational medical education and training (PMET) period and the five-year period of ANZCA approved training (two years of basic training and three years of advanced training). For further information regarding the Anaesthetics training program visit www.anzca.edu.au/trainees

