Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora Counties Manukau

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Fellowship in General OTORHINOLARYNGOLOGY

This position is considered a **Core Children's Worker** and will be subject to safety checking as part of the Vulnerable Children Act 2014

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Our Strategic Goal

We care about achieving health equity for our community.

Together, the Counties Manukau health system will work with others to achieve equity in key health indicators for Maaori, Pacific and communities with health disparities.

We will measure the impact we have on healthy life years every year. This is our commitment to act and be deliberate in our choices and priorities.

This means that people will live longer healthier lives in the community.

Our Shared Values

Kind

Care for other people's wellbeing.

Excellent

Safe, professional, always improving.

Valuing everyone

Make everyone feel welcome and valued.

Together

Include everyone as part of the team.

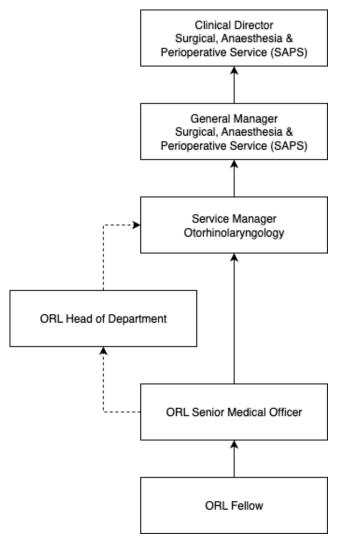




PURPOSE OF THE POSITION

- To provide specialist General Otorhinolaryngology (ORL) care and support to the population of Counties Manukau (CM).
- To provide continuity and service to the existing ORL sub-specialties at Counties Manukau (i.e. head and neck, paediatric, rhinology and otology included).
- To promote best practice management of ORL.
- To review, develop and implement professional medical standards of ORL practice and competence in the ambulatory and inpatient settings at CM District.

PLACE IN THE ORGANISATION



Full Time Equivalent hours

One session is defined as an aggregated total of approximately 4 hours, being a combination of scheduled activities (e.g. theatre operating sessions, clinics), together with associated service and support clinical work (e.g. finalising dictated clinical documentation, following up and acting on investigations) and non-clinical work (e.g. Departmental Meetings, Morbidity and Mortality Meetings, Clinical Pathway Development). Sessions are expected to average four hours inclusive of all activities, when averaged over time.

- 1 whole day duty = 2 sessions
- 1 FTE equates to ten sessions per week.

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NATURE AND SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITIES

Key Accountabilities	Standards / Achievements
General	 Provision of Otorhinolaryngology (ORL) clinical and non-clinical duties Elective and acute surgery Preoperative assessment, perioperative management and postoperative review of surgical patients Outpatient clinics Teaching and supervision of ORL RMOs and ORL General Practitioners with Special Interest (GPwSIs) Running the monthly Morbidity & Mortality and Radiology-Pathology meetings Other duties as delegated by the Head of Department e.g. may be asked to attend regional and local multi-disciplinary meetings The ORL fellow are to attend local multi-disciplinary meetings. The ORL fellow may be asked to attend the Regional MDT (on-site at Auckland City Hospital). The ORL fellow may be asked to cover planned/unplanned absences of both junior and Senior Medical Officers.
	When providing ORL services, the fellow is accountable for complying with all relevant protocols, standards, and guidelines as prescribed by the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) and Counties Manukau Health (CMH) ORL department
Outpatient Clinics	 Each session is 4 hours Morning session 0830-1200 Afternoon session 1300-1630 Activities included as part of these clinics include Teaching Consultation with colleagues including Resident Medical Officers (RMOs) Undertake pre-admission assessments (of patients seen and screened by RMOs) Discussing diagnosis and treatment options with patients and/or next of kin Obtaining/checking informed consent Patient care coordination Related administrative activities (e.g. signing clinical letters, accepting investigation results) Outpatient clinics are delivered primarily at Manukau Health Park, with some occurring at the Middlemore Hospital campus or community sites. There may be a requirement for care delivery at other sites across Auckland from time to time. Hold responsibility for assessment and evaluation of patient's health status in order to diagnose, formulate opinions and/or plan treatment regimens. Remain accountable for sensitive communication with patients, obtaining informed consent, effective communication and liaison with relevant staff for care coordination. Following Counties Manukau policies and procedures for waitlisting patients. Active awareness and management of follow-up patient waiting lists together with the Clinical Nurse Manager to ensure all are seen in a clinically acceptable time frame.

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Rostered Acute	• The fellow is required to be involved in the management of acute presentations to
Activities	the ORL acute clinic Monday to Friday 0800-1600. Usually this is in the form of
	supervising/supporting the registrar who is running these acute clinics.
	Acute patients who are unable to transfer to Manukau Healthpark may require
	travelling to the Emergency Department at Middlemore Hospital for assessment.
Clinical Research	• The fellow will be encouraged to conduct clinical audits and research projects and submit a manuscript for publication.
Ward Rounds	Routine post-operative ward rounds are required with frequency dependent on
	the number of inpatients.
	Ward round will vary in length depending upon the number and condition of
	patients to be seen.
	It is expected that the fellow will review patients who have undergone major
	surgery within 24 hours post-op for clinical safety (e.g. due to relative
	inexperience of registrars). T
	Additional ward visits may be required ad hoc where specific problems arise and
	follow-up action is required.
	The fellow is accountable for seeing all designated patients to assess, evaluate
	and plan their care until discharge.
	The fellow is accountable for effective and sensitive communication and liaison
	with patients and/or their next of kin and all clinical and non-clinical CMH staff.
Operating Theatre	Each session is 4 hours
	Morning session
	0800-1230 (with the aim of 0830 into theatre time)
	Afternoon session
	1300-1730 (with the aim of 1330 into theatre time)
	All day session
	0800-1730 (with the aim of 0830 into theatre time)
	The ORL fellow is responsible for
	Obtaining/checking informed consent for the patient
	Following CM Surgical Safety Checklist, ensure the team performs key safety
	checks as a team, good verbal communication in the operating theatre and instil a
	shared accountability for the outcome of a procedure.
	Inter-operative safe clinical management of patients, optimum utilisation of
	available theatre time, effective communication with ORL and theatre staff.
	• Early notification of appropriate theatre staff if any special surgical or anaesthetic
	requirements
	Teaching Resident Medical Officers and Fellows
	Consultation with colleagues
	All related administrative activities (e.g. signing off operation notes, accepting)
	histology results)
Non-Clinical Duties	• Duties that are not directly associated with patient care, but are included in the
	routine work requirements
	Non-Clinical Duties may include but not be limited to
	- ORL Departmental Meetings (expected attendance)
	- M&M Meetings (expected attendance)
	- Resident Medical Officer/medical student/module staff clinical education
	- Clinical Pathway Development (internally or in conjunction with other
	departments)
	- Service development
	- Clinical Audits as delegated by the Head of Department
	Administrative tasks, as assigned by the clinical head, may include
	Coordination of audit activities

- Coordination of peer-review activities
- Support Service Manager in organisation of departmental meetings
- Evaluation of equipment and consumables
- Coordination of equipment maintenance
- Coordination of CME activities

Cultural Safety & Diversity

Commitment to the principles of Treaty of Waitangi

Honouring Diversity

The principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, as articulated by the Courts and the Waitangi Tribunal, provide the framework for how we will meet our obligations under Te Tiriti in our day-to-day work. The 2019 Hauora report recommends the following principles for the primary health care system. These principles are applicable to wider health and disability system. The principles that apply to our work are as follows.¹

- Tino rangatiratanga: The guarantee of tino rangatiratanga, which provides for Maaori self-determination and mana motuhake in the design, delivery, and monitoring of health and disability services.
- **Equity**: The principle of equity, which requires the Crown to commit to achieving equitable health outcomes for Maaori.
- Active protection: The principle of active protection, which requires the Crown to
 act, to the fullest extent practicable, to achieve equitable health outcomes for
 Maaori. This includes ensuring that it, its agents, and its Treaty partner are well
 informed on the extent, and nature, of both Maaori health outcomes and efforts to
 achieve Maaori health equity.
- Options: The principle of options, which requires the Crown to provide for and
 properly resource kaupapa Maaori health and disability services. Furthermore, the
 Crown is obliged to ensure that all health and disability services are provided in a
 culturally appropriate way that recognises and supports the expression of hauora
 Maaori models of care.
- Partnership: The principle of partnership, which requires the Crown and Maaori to work in partnership in the governance, design, delivery, and monitoring of health and disability services. Maaori must be co-designers, with the Crown, of the primary health system for Maaori.
- Remains focused in the pursuit of Maaori health gain as well as achieving equitable health outcomes for Maaori
- Supports tangata whenua/mana whenua led change to deliver mana motuhake and Maaori self-determination in the design, delivery and monitoring of health care
- Promotes equitable opportunity for positive health outcomes within the context of Maaori health, including whaanau, tinana, hinengaro, and wairua
- Actively supports kaimahi Maaori by improving attraction, recruitment, retention, development, and leadership
- Honours the beliefs and values of Maaori patients, staff and communities and the right of Māori to practise tikanga Maaori
- Supports the expression of hauora Maaori models of care and maatauranga Maaori
- Commits to helping all our residents achieve equitable health outcomes
- Demonstrates awareness of colonisation and power relationships
- Demonstrates critical consciousness and on-going self-reflection and self-awareness in terms of the impact of their own culture on interactions and

service delivery

- Holds themselves accountable to providing culturally safe practice.
- Dismantles policies, procedures and practices that cause inequity

https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/populations/maori-health/he-korowai-oranga/strengthening-he-korowai-oranga/treaty-waitangi-principles

COMMUNICATION AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

Will be required to interact on a regular basis with a range of Counties Manukau District staff members including:

External	Internal	Committees/Groups
Relevant College	Service Manager	Departmental meetings
Regional Services	Head of Department	M&M meetings
Primary Care	Clinical Nurse Manager	Multi-disciplinary meetings
GPwSI	Clinical Nurse Specialists	both locally and regionally
Specialists in other districts	Clinical Nurse Coordinator	Radiology and pathology
and private practices	Nursing team	meetings
Staff & service of other	Audiology team	
districts	Admin/clerical team	
	CM specialties/services	
	Other CM staff	

Situations may often call for tact, diplomacy and will require information to be handled in a discreet and sensitive manner.

In conflict situations, you will need required to exercise sound judgement, negotiation and persuasiveness skill to facilitate a workable outcome.

PROBLEM COMPLEXITY

Will be regularly challenged by a wide range of clinical situations. There will be a requirement to be able to prioritise issues and negotiate time frames, while still providing a quality customer service.

The range of problems will be diverse and requires initiative and innovative solutions to meet the circumstances of the client. Opportunities will arise to provide innovative options to the client based on clinically proven outcomes.

There will be demands to meet deadlines, maintain accuracy and quality of information. Failure to do so will impact on the organisation in terms of ability to meet contracted outcomes and provide high quality standards of care.

Refer to Head of Department device for advice or second opinion as required.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Discretion is required to be exercised in releasing confidential information to the appropriate parties.

STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS

The ORL Fellow is responsible to ensure that procedures involving patients meet statutory

requirements and are both ethical and clinically appropriate.

PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

The ORL Fellow is accountable for his/her own professional development annually through ongoing participation in activities to maintain and enhance standards of practice (e.g. peer review, Continuing Medical Education activities, academic activities, self-audit and appraisal of evidence regarding service provision and patient care).

Attendance for certain activities will be supported by the organisation in accordance with service requirements, with agreement by the Head of Department and Service Manager.

Undertaking of clinical audit and research projects including documentation and publication will be in accord with service direction and agreed with the Head of Department and Service Manager.

Formal performance reviews as required by RACS will be undertaken by the Supervisor of Training, with input from the Head of Department as necessary.

DIMENSIONS OF THE POSITION

The ORL Fellow will be responsible to the Head of Department and Head of Department for the achievement of agreed objectives and care within the confines of Counties Manukau Health. Where services are provided across Auckland outside of Counties Manukau district, the ORL Fellow will also have responsibilities to the same counterparts for ORL Auckland Metro Districts.

AUTHORITIES

Contractual Authority

This role does not have authority to enter into agreements or contracts on behalf of Counties Manukau.

POSITIONS REPORTING IN THIS ROLE (numbers)

Directly (numbers): none

Indirectly (numbers): all clinical and support staff

PERSON SPECIFICATIONS (requirements for the role)

	Minimum	Preferred
Qualifications	 Completion of part 2 – FRACS equivalent exam without Registration as a Specialist Otorhinolaryngologist (this will lead to pay drop from Fellow to a Medical Officer of Specialist Scale level). Holds a medical qualification recognized by MCNZ 	Completion of part 2 – FRACS equivalent exam with Registration as a Specialist Otorhinolaryngologist
Skills/Knowledge/Behavior	 Competent practitioner in ORL service Commitment to and demonstrable involvement in auditing, accreditation, credentialing, peer review Orientation towards serving patients first Collaborates with team members from all disciplines and professional groupings Committed to development of ORL service Actively listens, draws out information from patients and regularly checks their understanding Empathises with others, considers their needs and feelings Able to negotiate and resolve disputes amicably Effective at building relationships with colleagues Establishes a plan of action and achieves prioritised goals Manages workload/flow, recognises and addresses barriers and takes account of changing priorities Sets high standards and strives to achieve stretching goals, displays drive/energy in overcoming obstacles Proactive and displays initiative Actively questions old ways of doing things, think outside the box and developments creative, effective solutions to improve 	
Personal Qualities	 Ability to work in a team environment collaborating with colleagues of all disciplines and professional groups Personal sincerity and integrity High levels of initiative and motivation, and a willingness to generate quality outputs Communicates effectively according to the needs of different people Listens actively to others and responds appropriately A high standard of personal work ethic and time management skills 	

Ability to initiate and manage change
Ability to lead a group of people to meet agreed goals
Ability to manage conflict
Ability to meet timeframes
 Ability to give constructive feedback to other medical staff in relation to performance
Proven ability to develop potential of others
 Manages stress, resilient to change and aware of personal limitations

HEALTH AND SAFETY ACCOUNTABILITIES (non-management roles)

Health and Safety (H&S) is a key accountability of all Counties Manukau District staff.

All Counties Manukau District Employees are responsible to:

Zero Harm

 Engage in safe workplace practices and take care of the health and safety of themselves, other employees and people in the workplace

Risk Management

- Identify, evaluate and report all hazards and incidents they are aware of in the workplace
- Adhere to apply risk controls, identified in risk assessments, such as 'Safe Operating Procedures'
- Follow safety instructions
- Stop work when there is an immediate risk of serious harm and notify the appropriate manager
- Ensure nothing they do or don't do will cause harm to themselves or others

System Requirements

- Safety Management Understand and follow Counties Manukau District's Occupational Health and Safety policies, Health and Safety regulations, and personal responsibilities as outlined by these policies
 - Follow all Occupational Health and Safety policies and procedures

Work Safely

- Report for duty in a fit state, free from the influence of alcohol or other drugs
- Participate in consultation activities regarding matters affecting your health, safety and wellbeing
- Wear the required Personal Protective Equipment when undertaking specific activities, or when in nominated areas
- Operate clinical or plant equipment safely
- Participate in relevant safety training, and maintain safety related competencies
- If relevant to your position, be in possession of required and current **Certificates of Competency**