

COLORECTAL SERVICE, ALFRED HOSPITAL

Unit structure & personnel:

Head of Unit: Mr. R. Wale

VMO staff: Mr. KCR Farmer, Mr. S. Skinner, Mr. P. Carne, Mr. S. Bell

The unit has two interns and one registrar to assist the fellow.

Weekly schedule (fellow):

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
7am	M&M/WR	WR	WR	WR	WR
8am	OT (RW/CF)	Preadmission Clinic	8.00 X-ray 8.30 OPD 11.30 MDT 12.00 Unit WR	OT (SB/PC) (alt)	OT (SS) (alt)
1.30 pm	OPD (fellow) (Reg off)	MGIU (Cabrini) [Reg: Colo (SB)]	Colo (PC) ON CALL to 2130 For Gen Surg	OT (PC/SB) (alt)	Assist CF (The Avenue Private Hosp)

1-in-2 weekend morning ward rounds shared with registrar

M&M- Morbidity & Mortality

OT- Operating Theatre

OPD – Out Patient Department

WR – Ward Round

Colo – Colonoscopy

MGIU – Melbourne Gastrointestinal Investigation Unit (ultrasound & pelvic floor physiology)

The fellow works closely with the registrar, and the week's elective cases are assigned to each depending on the complexity and appropriateness. The fellow also receives all colorectal referrals during working hours. The fellow is not on-site on Tuesday and Friday afternoons, while the registrar is off on Monday afternoons.

Research opportunities & expectations

The fellow is expected to complete at least one research project while attached to the unit. There are numerous local, national and international meetings at which this research can be presented, and it is expected that the project will be submitted to a journal for publication. The unit holds monthly research meetings to discuss current projects, possible future projects, and publications. This forum is designed to keep all research going forward, and to identify problems early so they can be resolved quickly. You can attend or receive a copy of the agenda to help plan a project prior to starting on the unit if you wish.

Local environ & accommodation

The Alfred Hospital is located on Commercial Rd in Prahran, adjacent to St. Kilda Rd, which is an inner city suburb of Melbourne. There are numerous tram and bus lines that run past the hospital, and on-site staff parking is available.

The hospital itself does not have accommodation, but there are some hotels in the immediate vicinity for your initial arrival, and there is a lot of affordable rental accommodation in Prahran, St. Kilda, South Yarra (both houses and apartments). It may also be worthwhile discussing accommodation with the outgoing fellow as you may want to take over their lease (including furniture).

Websites

Details regarding the Alfred Hospital itself can be obtained from the website: www.alfred.org.au and the colorectal unit website: www.alfred.org.au/colorectalsurgery The unit website includes a list (with contact details) of past fellows, registrars and interns if you feel it would help to contact any previous junior staff.

Audit description

The fellow keeps accurate records of all patients coming under the care of the Colorectal Unit (including referrals), the operations performed and any complications. There is a weekly Morbidity and Mortality meeting for the Colorectal, Upper GI, Vascular, and Trauma units. All operating for the week is projected (on powerpoint), and all complications and deaths are presented for discussion. During the second half of the year an annual audit is presented based on this data (usually for the "financial year": July 1st – June 30th).

The figures for the audit are gained from 3 sources:

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