

## **Fellowship in Obstetric Anaesthesia**

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**Duration:** 6 or 12 months (negotiable) starting December or June.

### **Grade:**

Anaesthetist (Post part 2 FANZCA or equivalent) eligible for registration with the Medical Council of New Zealand. UK equivalent ST6 or above holding final FRCA examination.

### **General:**

This full time position combines clinical experience of both obstetric and gynaecology anaesthesia and women's health at a regional tertiary hospital. There will also be an opportunity to actively be involved in acute and chronic pain management. Fellows are encouraged to participate in all activities of the department including supervision of junior ANZCA trainees, teaching, audit and research. Fellows contribute to the multidisciplinary planning of complex obstetric cases and lead their management under consultant supervision from initial referral to delivery. The post should allow development of a consultant approach to patient assessment and conduct of anaesthesia as well as the opportunity to develop and improve teaching and research skills.

Teaching responsibilities include formal and informal teaching of medical students, ANZCA trainees and other health professionals within the National Women's Hospital. The fellow will be expected to initiate and develop a personal research or

audit project and present this at an appropriate hospital meeting as well as national or international scientific congresses. The fellow will also be encouraged to be involved in management projects as required such as development or update of guidelines and protocols.

**Clinical:**

The post will be full time including approximately one evening shift per week. The fellow will also have the opportunity to work weekends as the on-call consultant (with consultant anaesthetist backup) providing level 1-4 supervision as required of the resident ANZCA trainees.

An average of two sessions per week will be allocated as non-clinical duties for continuing medical education, audit, teaching and research work. Fellows will also attend the weekly departmental meeting where new referrals are discussed and interesting or complex cases are reviewed.

National Women's Health provides both secondary and tertiary obstetric and gynaecological services as well as housing a regional gynae-oncology centre and a regional maternofetal medicine unit. The delivery unit handles over 7000 deliveries each year with around a third of these born by caesarean section. Over 50% of our parturients receive epidural analgesia.

During their placement fellows will manage both routine and high risk labours and deliveries, and both elective and emergency caesarean deliveries. In addition to acute pain rounds, which include management of antenatal pain patients, our fellows review obstetric and gynaecology surgical patients in preoperative clinics, and develop management plans for high risk or complex parturients in our dedicated obstetric anaesthesia clinic.

**Hospital:**

National Women's Health is part of Auckland City Hospital, with on-site neurosurgery, cardiac surgery, interventional radiology and Starship Children's Hospital. Some outpatient and short stay surgery services are delivered on the Greenlane Hospital site 5km away.

Auckland City Hospital is located in Auckland CBD, consistently rated as one of the most liveable cities in the world.