

Hyperbaric Medicine + Anaesthesia or Emergency Medicine Specialist
Vacancies #: 6308 + 6946
Closing: 07 April 2008 (later applications would be accepted)

The Hyperbaric Medicine Unit (HMU), Christchurch Hospital has a 0.4 FTE position to replace a retiring member of the senior staff. This vacancy will be combined with either Anaesthesia or Emergency Medicine sessions to create a full-time Specialist position.

CDHB is a busy tertiary referral centre in South Island of New Zealand, with close links to the University of Otago Christchurch School of Medicine and Health Sciences situated on the Christchurch Hospital site. Surgical services include all the main surgical specialties, whilst the Department of Medicine covers all major sub-specialties. There is a regional Spinal Injuries Unit and a Bone Marrow Transplant Unit, and the Emergency Department is the busiest in New Zealand.

HMU is administered within the Anaesthetic Department and is currently being assessed by the ANZ College of Anaesthetists for approval for resident training in hyperbaric medicine. The HMU provides a full range of hyperbaric services for the Canterbury District Health Board (CDHB), and is a referral centre for other DHBs in South Island and some parts of North Island. Clinical practice is based on the UHMS and ANZHMG guidelines. We operate a 4 ATA-capable rectangular multiplace chamber providing around 1300 treatments per year. Our patients range from ambulatory through critically ill, and we provide a 24/7 emergency service. [visit www.cdhb.govt.nz/hbu/]

Applicants should have appropriate training and experience in hyperbaric medicine, and an Emergency Medicine or Anaesthesia post-graduate qualification recognised for vocational registration by the Medical Council of New Zealand. Foreign graduates will need to meet all immigration and medical council requirements. A successful appointee in Anaesthesia would preferably have generalist skills with a focus on day surgery, acute theatre work, preassessment, and elective orthopaedics. Flexibility in covering other lists is also required and the ability to work in obstetrics would be an advantage.

Christchurch ("The Garden City") is a university city (Canterbury, Lincoln and Otago Universities) of about 365,000 people. It is situated on the East Coast of South Island close to the Banks Peninsula and the commercial harbour town of Lyttelton, and is an hour's drive from the Southern Alps. A wide range of outdoor recreational activities are readily accessible locally and throughout South Island. [visit www.ccc.govt.nz]

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