

NORTHERN QUEENSLAND REGIONAL TRAINING HUBS

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Training Pathway for Adult Internal Medicine - Basic Training

College: The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP)

	Training program			Course Requirements							
	Year 1 Types of training accredited for over the 3 year trianing program:	Year 2	Year 3	Min time in a Level 3 Hospital (Months)	Max time allowed in Level 3 Training Hospital (Months)	Max time allowed in Level 2 Hospital (Months)	Max time allowed in Secondment Hospital (Months)	Rotations to which site	Min time in general & acute care medicine (Months)	Max time of non-core training (can be replaced by additional core training; Months)	Min time in medical specialties (Months)
Site	Type of training accredited for over the three year training program	12	33	24	6				3	12	12
The Townsville Hospital (Forms part of the Far North Rotation)	Level 3 Teaching Hospital - allows up to 33 months of Basic Physician Training	✓	✓					2 x Specialty rotations - dependent on specialty			Cardiology, Clinical Haematology, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, Geriatric Medicine, Infectious Diseases, Medical Oncology, Nephrology, Neurology Palliative Medicine, Rehabilitation Medicine, Respiratory & Sleep Medicine, Intensive Care Unit. The following are not available in northern Queensland:
Cairns Hospital (Forms part of the Far North Rotation)	Level 3 Teaching Hospital - allows up to 33 months of Basic Physician Training	✓	✓					Rotations to Atherton & Innisfail Hospitals			Clinical Genetics, Clinical Immunology & Allergy, Clinical Pharmacology, Rheumatology
Mackay Base Hospital (Forms part of the Northside Rotation)	Level 2 Teaching Hospital - allows up to 24 months of Basic Physician Training. Trainees must spend the additional 12 months at a Level 3 Teaching Hospital					✓		Rotate to Level 3 Teaching Hospital (Townsville or Cairns) for 12 months			
Mount Isa Hospital Cairns Private Hospital Atherton District Hospital (Forms part of the Far North Rotation)	Adult Medicine Secondment Hospital - allows up to 6 months of Basic Physician Training and will be on rotation from a Level 2 or Level 3 Teaching Hospital. A total of 6 months may be spent at secondment hospitals						✓	Rotate from Townsville or Cairns (Level 3) and Mackay (Level 2)			

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Additional information

1. In Queensland, first year basic training positions (BPT1) are recruited and managed directly by the individual Hospital and Health Services (HHS), not via the network. These appointments are generally Junior House Officers or Senior House Officer position level. Visit the available positions webpage (www.health.qld.gov.au/rmo) for further details.
2. Second and third year basic physician training placements (BPT2 and BPT3) are recruited and managed through the Queensland basic physician training network. These are Registrar level appointments.

3 Year Training Pathway Rotations

Far North Rotation

Year 1 (interchangeable with Year 2)	Year 2 (interchangeable with Year 1)	Year 3
12 months	12 months	12 months
The Townsville Hospital or Cairns Hospital	The Townsville Hospital or Cairns Hospital, Rostered to 2 x specialty rotations each year consistent with training requirements	The Townsville Hospital

Far North Rotation

Year 1 (interchangeable with Year 2)	Year 2 (interchangeable with Year 1)		Year 3 - Semester
12 months	6 months	6 months	12 months
Townsville Hospital or Cairns Hospital	Atherton Hospital OR Innisfail Hospital	Cairns Hospital	The Townsville Hospital

FAR NORTH ROTATION

- The Townsville Hospital
 - Cairns Hospital
- Secondment Sites:
- Atherton Hospital
 - Innisfail Hospital
 - Mt Isa Hospital

NORTHSIDE ROTATION

- Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital
- Sunshine Coast University Hospital
- The Prince Charles Hospital
- Caboolture Hospital
- Mackay Hospital
- Redcliffe Hospital
- Rockhampton Hospital

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Training Pathway for Advanced Endocrinology

College: The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP)

Adult Internal Medicine Basic Training must be completed prior to commencing Advanced Training.

Site	Training Program		
	12 months required clinical training (RCT)	12 months core training	12 months Non-Core Training
The Townsville Hospital	✓	✓	✓
Cairns Hospital	A 3 month rotation to either Atherton, Mt Isa or Innisfail Hospital is required during the 3 year training period.		
	✓	✓	✓

Additional information

The Townsville Hospital is a level three training hospital with no RACP requirement to rotate to a secondment site. Network trainees are rostered to two specialty rotations each year consistent with training requirements. Structured Consultant delivered educational sessions over the 2 year program are targeted to prepare candidates for success at the RACP written and clinical exams. The Townsville Hospital scored above State Average in 2018 RACP written and clinical exams.

Cairns Hospital - Although trainees will spend most of their time in Cairns Hospital, a three month rotation to either, Atherton, Mt Isa or Innisfail Hospital is required once during the 3 year training period. With consultant-lead daily teaching roster and an intensive exam preparation schedule, in 2016, Cairns Hospital ranked highest in Queensland for RACP written exam results.