

## NORTHERN QUEENSLAND REGIONAL TRAINING HUBS

## GERIATRIC MEDICINE

### How to apply for a specialist training position in Geriatric Medicine

Applicants will first need to complete Basic Physician training and can apply at **Queensland Basic Physician Training Network (Adult Medicine)**.

#### Queensland Basic Physician Training Network (Adult Medicine)

Applicants applying to one of the Queensland Networks need to refer to the network websites before proceeding, depending on whether you're applying for Queensland Basic Physician Training Network (Adult Medicine) or Queensland General Medicine Advanced Training Network. The Queensland Basic Physician Network provides centralised recruitment, selection and allocation of BPTs intending to commence their second or third year of basic physician training in Queensland. First Year basic training positions are recruited directly by the individual Hospital and Health Service (HHS) within Queensland - NOT via the network. These appointments are generally at the JHO or SHO level and information relating to these positions can be accessed via the available positions within each hospital.

Applicants apply for Queensland Geriatric Medicine Advanced Training Pathway online through the [Resident Medical Officer \(RMO\) campaign](#).

Find out more about Queensland-specific workforce demographics and specialty information:

<https://medinav.health.qld.gov.au/careers/medicine/geriatric-medicine/>

### Entry Requirements

- ✓ General medical registration
- ✓ Completion of Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) Basic Physician Training, including the RACP written and clinical examinations
- ✓ Employment in an appropriate Advanced Training position
- ✓ Refer to the Royal Australasian College of Physicians for further information in relation to selection into the training program

### Total Training Time

#### 6 years (full-time)

#### Basic Adult Medicine: 36 months (full-time) basic training

- 24 months (full-time) core training (including 3 months General and Acute Care Medicine and 12 months in medical specialties)
- Maximum of 12 months non-core training

#### Advanced Geriatric Medicine Training: 36 months (full-time)

- Minimum of 24 months (full-time) core training
- Maximum of 12 months (full-time) non-core training

### Contact Us

If you would like to get more information on training in Geriatric Medicine, please contact us by email [nqrth@jcu.edu.au](mailto:nqrth@jcu.edu.au) or phone:

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## Training Pathway for Adult Internal Medicine - Basic Training

**College:** The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP)

Site	Training program			Course Requirements							
	Year 1 Types of training accredited for over the 3 year training 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)
				<b>12</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>
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: Clinical Genetics, Clinical Immunology & Allergy, Clinical Pharmacology, Rheumatology
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			
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](http://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 or 3)	Year 2 (interchangeable with Year 1 or 3)	Year 3 - Semester 1 (interchangeable with Year 1 or 2)	Year 3 - Semester 2 (interchangeable with Year 1 or 2)
12 months	12 months	6 months (max) but min 3 months required	6 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 or Cairns Hospital

#### Far North Rotation

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



## Training Pathway for Advanced Geriatric

**College:** The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP)

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

College	SUB - SPECIALTY	Advanced Training Time (months)	Maximum Training Time accredited for (months)	Core Training (months)	Non-Core Training (months)	Accredited for which units
RACGP	Geriatric Medicine - Advanced Training	36		24	12	
	The Townsville Hospital		24	✓ (12 months)	✓ (12 months)	Accredited for a max total time of 12 months. ACE, GEM, orthogeriatrics, Community Geriatrics (including RaSS and FIT/GEDI) are all accredited for core geriatric medicine training (max of 6 months to be spent in any one term).
	Cairns Hospital		30	✓ (18 months)		Accredited for a max total time of 30 months. Maximum of six months training in the following areas of training: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The OPERA (subacute)</li> <li>• The delirium and dementia</li> <li>• The Community, Interface and Primary Care</li> </ul> The maximum duration of core training at Cairns Hospital will not exceed 18 months across all departments, although additional training may be approved as non-core training.
	Toowoomba Hospital		12	✓ (12 months)		Including Toowoomba Base Hospital with St Vincent's Private Hospital. The trainee to spend no longer than 12 months at Toowoomba Base Hospital. The trainee to spend no longer than 6 months at St Vincent's Private Hospital.