IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE TASMANIAN ANAESTHETIC TRAINING PROGRAM (TATP)

The TATP provides anaesthesia training in all 3 Tasmanian Health Service (THS) hospitals. It has between 30-35 positions each year, with a variable number of vacancies.

Positions within the TATP may be either rotational positions or hospital-based positions.

Rotational positions

There are 16 TATP rotational positions state-wide. Trainees appointed to these positions will be offered a commitment of structured training within Tasmania (BTY1-ATY2) over the 4 years. They will be provided with the appropriate clinical opportunities required to complete all of their training.

In return for this commitment, trainees will be expected to rotate between the 3 participating THS hospitals including the Royal Hobart Hospital (RHH), the Launceston General Hospital (LGH), and the North West Regional Hospital (NWRH). Rotational trainees spend 50% or more of the 4 years of training time at the RHH.

Criteria to remain in a rotational position:

1. Trainees must continue to achieve satisfactory clinical performance as assessed in accordance with the ANZCA training program.
2. Introductory Trainees (IT) must be deemed “Satisfactory” in the Initial Assessment of Anaesthetic Competence (IAAC) within 6 months. Failure to achieve this will result in the trainee having to re-apply for a job position for the following year, in competition with other applicants.
3. Basic Trainees (BT) are expected to pass the Primary examination early during the training period. BTY2 trainees who fail to achieve this by the time the hospital job recruitment campaign begins will result in these trainees having to re-apply for a job position for the following year, in competition with other applicants.
4. Advanced Trainees (AT) are expected the pass the Final examination early during the training period. Trainees who are in Extended Advanced Training time will NOT be on the TATP Rotational Program.

If these criteria are met registrar contracts of employment are offered annually without the need to re-apply.

Hospital-based positions

Non-Rotational positions on the TATP are Hospital-based positions. It must be emphasised that Hospital-based positions are still accredited by ANZCA for Anaesthesia training.

A Hospital-based position is a fixed-term position usually for 12 months. The TATP does not offer a structured 4 years of training and will not require this trainee to rotate to the various hospitals in the state. Hospital-based trainees need to re-apply every year for ongoing training positions.

Hospital-based positions may be occupied by Provisional Fellows, trainees who are unsuccessful in achieving a Rotational position, non-Anaesthesia Specialty Trainees (i.e. DEM/ICU Registrars on rotation), International Medical Graduate Specialists and GP Anaesthetic trainees through JCCA. Trainees in extended training time (BTYE and ATYE) may apply for Hospital positions but their applications will be in competition with other eligible applicants.
Eligible Hospital-based Trainees may apply for Rotational positions as they become available.

**Provisional Fellowship positions**

The TATP offers provisional fellowship positions in all 3 centers, with up to 4 positions available at RHH. These positions are 12 month positions and are approved by ANZCA for provisional fellowship training. They are designed to ensure the trainee is ready for specialist practice on completion of their FANZCA.

Provisional fellowship positions are available in anaesthesia and pain management. Mixed positions in anaesthesia and hyperbaric medicine are also available. Candidates in anaesthesia have the opportunity to pursue sub-specialty interests including a mixed cardiac/general anaesthesia fellowship. Through our global outreach program there are also opportunities available to pursue overseas and developing country anaesthesia for fixed periods within the provisional fellowship appointment. There are also opportunities to focus on a perioperative role within the anaesthetic department.

The TATP has an emerging focus on rural anaesthesia and there are opportunities to pursue a provisional fellowship that focused on the skills and demands of specialist practice in a rural or regional setting.

**Provisional Fellowship in Anaesthesia**

This is a general provisional fellowship in Anaesthesia and has scope to mutually negotiate areas of clinical and non-clinical interest. These include hyperbaric medicine (see below), overseas and developing country anaesthesia and rural practice (Launceston General Hospital or Northwest Regional Hospital) and other specialties.

LGH has a provisional fellowship position that allows the successful applicant to pursue interests in rural anaesthesia, major adult anaesthesia or upper GI anaesthesia.

To be eligible for any areas of specific interest as listed above, the applicant must refer to it within their application.

**Provisional Fellowship in Cardiac and General Anaesthesia**

This is a mixed clinical fellowship at the Royal Hobart Hospital with opportunity to develop skills in cardiac anaesthesia, echocardiography skills and qualifications, and associated professional attributes. To be eligible for this position, applicants must include expressions of interest for this fellowship within their application.

**Provisional Fellowship / Registrar position in Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine**

The Royal Hobart Hospital Department of Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine is fully accredited for the ANZCA Diploma of Advanced Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine. Opportunities exist to combine a registrar position in anaesthesia with a 6 month term in diving and hyperbaric medicine. Note that a full fellowship year in diving and hyperbaric medicine at Royal Hobart Hospital is also available, which satisfies the time requirements for the ANZCA DipAdvDHM. To be eligible for this position, applications must apply to both Anaesthesia and Hyperbaric positions.

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