

Thinking of General Paediatric Medicine?

General Paediatrics is a broad based multidisciplinary specialty, which, on referral from primary care providers, provides expert diagnosis, treatment and care for infants, children and young people aged up to 19 years.

Overview of the Specialty

General Paediatrics involves the assessment, diagnosis and management of infants, children and young people with disturbances of health, growth, behaviour and/or development. It also addresses the health status of this group through population assessments, intervention, education and research.

Specialty training

Physician training is undertaken through the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) and consists of:

- a minimum of 36 months of Adult Medicine or Paediatric and Child Health Basic Training, followed by
- a minimum of 36 months of Advanced Training in Cardiology.

Basic Training

Trainees complete basic training over three years (36 months full time equivalent) guided by the [Basic Training Handbook](#) in either Adult Internal Medicine or Paediatrics & Child Health.

Physicians and other health professionals supervise and mentor trainees throughout their training.

The Basic Training program includes:

- Rotations across a range of medical specialties and health care settings
- Work-based assessments to monitor a trainee's progress and provide feedback on their training
- The RACP Divisional Written Examination and Divisional Clinical Examination towards the end of training to test a trainee's knowledge and skills and determine if they are eligible to progress to Advanced Training.

[See the full program requirements for Basic Training](#)

Advanced Training

The General Paediatrics Advanced Training Program provides specialist training in General Paediatrics. Trainees complete their Advanced Training under the supervision of practising General Paediatricians at an [accredited training site](#).

The General Paediatrics Advanced Training Program includes:

- 36 months (three years) of core and non-core training in a training position at an [accredited training site](#)
- Work-based assessments
- Teaching and learning requirements

[See the full program requirements for Advanced Training in General Paediatrics.](#)

You may need to complete placements in multiple DHBs whilst completing vocational training.

Personal qualities required to be a Paediatric Specialist

- an ability to work with and understand infants, children and young people and their families
- fostering of a patient-centred approach to health care
- an enjoyment for a breadth and depth of knowledge and experience to enable provision of high quality specialist services and comprehensive care across a broad spectrum of disorders, diseases, illnesses and associated health issues of a developmental and psychosocial nature
- an understanding of roles and inter-relationships of many allied health and community-based services
- preparedness to learn and adopt new and validated approaches to diagnosis and management, despite logistical difficulties, and to change work practices when appropriate
- willingness to reflect on, and learn from, mistakes
- preparedness to change management plans
- tolerance of uncertainty
- ability to cope with unexpected disappointments, equanimity, resiliency and calmness in the face of challenging clinical demands
- desire to contribute to improvements in the health system
- desire to foster clinical practice, research and teaching in general internal medicine
- preparedness to acknowledge doubt and uncertainty in clinical practice
- excellent communication skills including listening skills
- an ability to work as part of a multi-disciplinary team
- an ability to learn from your patients.

Specialty Training Programme Information

Medical College

[Royal Australasian College of Physicians \(RACP\)](#)

Fellowship/Qualification

Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (FRACP)

Application and Selection process

Application/selection [Basic Training](#)

Application/selection [Advanced Training - General Paediatrics](#)

Contact details in New Zealand: GeneralPaediatrics@racp.org.nz

To find out more about physicians/paediatricians and other specialty areas, [Click here](#). This also provides a useful Q&A section.

Further information can be obtained on [Royal Australasian College of Physicians \(RACP\)](#)

Resident Medical Officer (RMO) Information

Demand for vocational training posts is currently not available

RMO training registrar positions contracted

Northern	Midland	Central	South Island	Total
57.4	15	28.8	31.6	132.8

(September 2016 RMO census)

Regions

Northern:

Northland, Waitemata, Auckland, Counties Manukau DHBs

Midland:

Lakes, Tairāwhiti, Bay of Plenty, Waikato, Taranaki DHBs

Central:

Hawke's Bay, Wanganui, MidCentral, Wairarapa, Capital and Coast, Hutt Valley DHBs

South Island:

Nelson Marlborough, Canterbury, South Canterbury, Southern, West Coast DHBs

Senior Medical Officer (SMO) Information

Year	Number of NZ New Fellows
2015	NOT AVAILABLE
2014	NOT AVAILABLE

Average Age of SMOs	Number registered with the Medical Council	% of international medical graduates in the workforce
50	374	38

Number by Region (September 2016 SMO census)

Northern		Midland		Central		South Island		Total	
FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount
113.7	137	48.6	58	37.7	51	44.2	55	244.3	301