

## Thinking of Neonatal/Perinatal Medicine?

Neonatal/Perinatal Medicine is care of the foetus, the premature and ill new born.

## Overview of Neonatal/Perinatal Medicine

The practice of neonatal/perinatal medicine involves the treatment of newborn infants at all levels of care from healthy newborns to those who require special and intensive care. An element of counselling is also incorporated within the practice, especially with regards to parents whose foetus is at significant risk.

## Specialty training

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

- a minimum of 36 months of Paediatric and Child Health Basic Training followed by
- a minimum of 36 months of Advanced Training in Neonatal/Perinatal Medicine
- work-based learning and assessment requirements

Trainees may apply to enter the Advanced Training programme if they:

- have completed Paediatric and Child Health Basic Training programme
- have successfully completed the RACP Clinical and Written Examinations
- hold current medical registration and
- secured an accredited training position.

All advanced training occurs in supervised clinical placements within RACP accredited sites.

Over the course of the training programme, all trainees must carry out a variety of teaching and learning activities, including work-based learning and assessment requirements, and other programme requirements in consultation with their supervisors.

Once the training is satisfactorily completed, Fellowship of the RACP (FRACP) is awarded.

This training programme can be completed in Australia and New Zealand and trainees may complete more than one Advanced Training Program at a time.

**It is likely that you need to complete placements in multiple DHBs whilst completing vocational training.**

## Personal qualities required to be a Neonatal/Perinatal Medicine Physician

- fostering of a patient-centred approach to health care
- maintenance of a balanced and broad perspective on health care delivery
- 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.

## **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 in Neonatal and Perinatal Medicine](#)

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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*
148.7	42	103.6	80.5	<b>374.8</b>

(September 2016 RMO census)

\*The number is not separately available but included in the total registered in Internal Medicine

## 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*
51	1024	42

**Number by Region** (September 2016 SMO census)

Northern		Midland		Central		South Island		Total	
FTE*	Headcount*	FTE*	Headcount*	FTE*	Headcount*	FTE*	Headcount*	FTE*	Headcount*
159.1	188	50.5	52	47.2	57	83.3	116	<b>340</b>	<b>413</b>

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