



Position and Clinic Profile

Clinic Location: Whanganui Accident and Medical Clinic
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Whanganui

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The Position: Urgent Care Practitioner/Medical Officer/General Practitioner

Job Description: This position would suit an experienced primary care generalist (GP) or Urgent Care Physician, who is a team player with a caring attitude and professional approach to patient care. Whanganui Accident & Medical Clinic (WAM) is an accredited Urgent Care facility, providing episodic care for patients with minor injury or illness.

Availability: Anytime from August 2022 would be desirable

Skills required: Energetic Caring Practitioner
a) Acute assessment and management of minor acute injury or illness of a diverse nature
b) Management minor orthopaedic injuries, including fractures
c) Ability to perform minor procedures – suturing, incision and drainage, minor joint reduction and slit lamp skills
d) Radiology and ECG interpretive skills

Clinic Hours: Clinic hours for WAM are 0800 – 2130, seven days a week

Contract Term: Permanent individual contract or locum contracts

Supervisor: Provided by Clinical Director, Dr Athol Steward

Education: Professional development support, annual ACLS training and peer group activities and conferences

Clinic Facilities: Co-located alongside the Whanganui Hospital's Emergency Department, WAM sees approximately 30,000 patients a year, covering a broad spectrum of interesting pathology.

The clinic is a modern custom-designed facility. Treatment areas are comfortably furnished, well equipped and bathed in natural light. In addition to the consultation rooms, there is a two-bedded observation area, procedure room and plaster bay. You will have access to a Sonosite ultrasound machine and a recently upgraded slit lamp device to support your clinical activities. The clinic has access to a 24-hour laboratory and radiology service for plain film, CT and ultrasound. As the clinic is hospital-based, there is direct access to on-call specialists and registrars for advice and referrals.

All patients will be triaged on presentation; those who require emergency care are referred to the Emergency Department. Several shifts operate throughout the day: 8am – 5pm, 9am – 6pm, 10am – 7pm or 1pm – 9.30pm. Doctors work up to 40 hours per week, between Monday and Sunday, including public holidays.

Whanganui Accident and Medical is a subsidiary company of the Whanganui Regional Health Network.

About Whanganui

Whanganui, voted the most beautiful city for two years running, is situated on the west coast of New Zealand's North Island. This charming coastal location with approximately 46,000 residents, is rich in art, history and culture. Whanganui is an ideal setting for the adventurous, with its magnificent Whanganui river, abundant ocean and surrounding mountains. The city boasts outstanding sporting facilities and its nationally acclaimed Sarjeant Art Gallery and New Zealand Glassworks – a national centre for glass art.

Steeped in history, Whanganui offers both adventure and eco-tourism; being situated close to the beautiful west coast beaches and scenic mountain landscapes of the Taranaki and Ruapehu districts. With the ski fields just over an hour's drive away, the winter and summer months are filled with sun, surf, snow and skiing; fun for families and professionals alike.

Whanganui suits a broad demographic. For families, there is a choice of educational facilities, both public and acclaimed private schooling. The Polytech offers a wide range of tertiary study opportunities.

Location is vital when considering short or long-term employment. Whanganui is conveniently located with our capital city only a 3-hour drive away, Auckland city a 1-hour flight and all other major central North Island cities and attractions less than a 4-hour drive. Whanganui truly is an ideal place to call home.