



Position & Practice Profile

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Position: General Practitioner

The picturesque city of Whanganui is situated on New Zealand's North Island west coast. A charming coastal province with a population of approximately 46,000, Whanganui is well known for the magnificent Whanganui River and is a city rich in history, and culture.

Whanganui offers both adventure and eco-tourism, is close to the beautiful west coast beaches and scenic mountain landscapes of both 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.

With no shortage of consideration for people of all ages, Whanganui humbly holds national and international recognition for exceptional education with a selection of private and public schools located within the city limits that offer exemplary academic and cultural experiences.

Location is vital when considering short- or long-term residence and Whanganui could not be more perfect. With our capital city only a 3-hour drive away, the bustling Auckland city a 1-hour flight, and all other major cities and attractions less than a 3-hour drive, Whanganui truly is an ideal place to call home.

Job Description

Gonville Health is a general practice that works in collaboration with a network of first or primary level health assessment and treatment services.

The practice is operational from 8.30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday with one late night clinic which is open until 7pm. In addition, and to cover the general practice 24/7 obligations, General Practitioners that work for Gonville Health are paid to contribute to an after-hours roster which is delivered from Whanganui Accident and Medical Clinic; co-located with Emergency Department at Whanganui Hospital. Whanganui Accident and Medical Ltd is open between the hours of 9am and 9pm. The General Practitioner contribution to the roster is not onerous.

The current patient population is 8,100 with service users typically accessing the practice for health improvement and maintenance or health management following illness or injury, where hospital emergency

care is not generally required. Gonville Health has a high need population of 70% which consists of Maori, Pasifika and low socioeconomic.

Gonville Health is offering an opportunity for a General Practitioner to participate in an interdisciplinary clinical team setting. The team at Gonville Health work within and support a team approach which is a key element of Gonville Health. The General Practitioner's within the clinic are supported by a Nursing Team that consist of Nurse Practitioners, a clinical pharmacist and prescribing pharmacist as well as a range of visiting practitioners such as secondary / specialist services, social workers and other relevant disciplines. Clinical education, development and a support package is considered critical in assuring continuing quality improvement. The general practice is part of a developed center that combines health (clinical services and community pharmacy), social (community library and community hub) and education (community library and correspondence school) all of which is onsite.

The legal status of Gonville Health is 'not for profit'. This has been developed as a mechanism for meeting the primary health needs of patients with very complex health needs and people new to the city or people who are not yet registered with a General Practice.

The position will require you to work both as part of a team and autonomously as a Medical Practitioner, demonstrate some experience in primary health care delivery and can competently respond to primary level accident triage, assessment and treatment.

The General Practitioner is accountable for their own clinical decision-making. It is expected that General Practitioners working at the clinic will perform their duties with all reasonable skill and diligence to ensure best practice outcomes for patients. The practitioner is also required to work with the nursing team in particular to encourage best practice processes and to support consistency of care for patients.

About Gonville Health Ltd:

Gonville Health was developed, purposely built and opened in 2009 after research conducted identified the need to reduce the inequities in health status within Whanganui city, therefore it was essential to get as close to the sector of the community that had the highest concentration of deprivation. The Gonville community was identified as the catchment with the greatest disadvantage that did not have access to basic primary care services on their doorstep.

Gonville Health Service Model Objectives:

A range of health services are provided 'closer to home' to improve the health and wellbeing of people experiencing inequality such as Maori, Pasifika and people living within low socio-economic circumstances.

The vision for Gonville Health is "**Achieving health and well-being together**" (as identified by the staff at Gonville).

Gonville Health is a centre that provides a platform for individuals and their whānau (families) to realise their potential to self determine their future by integrating a number of health, educational and social services.

The key principles that relate to the vision of Gonville Health are:

- Responsiveness to patients and families
- Health promotion – identifying practice population and specific needs
- Safe practice and workplace
- Links with social marketing and campaigns
- Links to community
- Involved in local promotion of public policy i.e. licensing laws, road safety