



Position and Practice Profile

- Practice Location:** Whanganui Accident and Medical
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- The Position:** Urgent Care Practitioner/Medical Officer/General Practitioner
- Job Description:** This position would suit an Urgent Care Physician or experienced primary care generalist 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 February 2022 would be desirable.
- Skills required:** Experienced Practitioner
- a) Acute assessment and management of minor acute injury or illness.
 - b) Management of fracture clinic and minor orthopaedic injuries including fractures
 - c) Ability to perform minor procedures – suturing, incision & drainage, minor joint reduction and slit lamp skills.
 - c) Radiology and ECG interpretive skills.
- Practice Hours:** Clinic hours for Accident and Medical are 0800 – 2130, seven day 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 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.

Our clinic is a modern custom-designed facility. The treatment areas are comfortably furnished, well equipped and for the most bathed in natural light. In addition to the consultation rooms, there's 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, 8 am – 5 pm, 9 am – 6

pm, 10 am – 7 pm or 1 pm – 9.30 pm. Doctors work 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

The city of Whanganui 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 Glass Art.

Steeped in history, 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.

Whanganui suits a broad demographic. For families, there's 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.