

Auckland Hospital

Auckland City Hospital's Neurology Department is the tertiary Neurology service for the Auckland region (Waitemata, Auckland and Counties-Manukau District Health Boards), Northland and Taranaki. The department has 16 neurologists and neurophysiologists covering most neurological subspecialties. There is a large outpatient service as well as a Neurology Ward and a Stroke Unit. The national Deep Brain Stimulation and the Epilepsy Surgery programmes are based in Auckland. The service is well supported by neuroradiologist, neurosurgeons, a neuropsychologist and clinical nurse specialists.

There are up to three training positions (and at least one non-training position). Appointments are for one year, but trainees may be reappointed for a second year. In a six month block, there are 6-7 week attachments to the Neurology Ward and to the Stroke Unit, and three months of outpatient clinics. There will be dedicated time for neurophysiology training. Trainees will have the opportunity to attend subspecialty clinics (Botulinum toxin, Epilepsy, Neuro-Ophthalmology etc). In addition, there is an acute service during the day and afterhours, in which all registrars will participate. The afterhours oncall roster is 1-in-4, which may at times include covering other medical subspecialties, as well as occasional night shifts.

There are two teaching sessions each week, as well as formal and informal case-based teaching and discussion. The run can be busy but the trainee will be exposed to many varied and interesting neurological conditions.

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