

Palmerston North Hospital Neurology Training

Palmerston North Hospital is a large secondary hospital (population base 170,000) with some regional tertiary level services (e.g. neurophysiology and cancer services servicing 350,000) approved for one year of neurology advanced core training. The department consists of three consultant neurologists, a registrar, a house surgeon, a stroke CNS, a neurology nurse, three neurophysiology technicians, and three very capable administrators. We work as a small unit and work as a very cohesive team. We value and support education and training for all of our team members.

Advanced trainees participate in five stroke/neurology inpatient ward rounds per week, two outpatient neurology clinics, and two neurophysiology (NCS/EMG and EEG) sessions per week. It is expected that the trainee participates in at least one clinical audit or minor research project during the year in our unit.

Regular teaching includes medical grand rounds and journal club, weekly neuro CT and MRI reading rounds, monthly stroke education and thrombolysis case review meetings.

This is a very active programme with a focus on broad exposure to general neurology and stroke patients. At the end of the year the trainee can expect to have a solid grounding in managing acute stroke including thrombolysis, performing and interpreting neurophysiologic tests, and assessing undifferentiated patients presenting with a wide variety of neurological complaints as well as providing ongoing care for patients with common (and some not so common) neurological conditions.

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