



Medical Officer within Palliative Medicine

Do you wish to practice

- in a Holistic manner?
- Within an inclusive team structure where your role is valued?
- Where communication is paramount and allows for individualised care to become a reality?
- Where you have sufficient time to spend with patients and families
- In a setting with regular work hours where work/life balance is a reality?

We have a unique and exciting opportunity for you to practice in hospice and palliative medicine. A rewarding full-time fixed term or permanent opportunity has arisen for an enthusiastic, highly motivated and self-driven Medical Officer to join our dedicated, passionate and collaborative team.

About us

Hospice Southland helps people who are living with a terminal illness to live life to its fullest, while providing comfort and specialist palliative care.

Our patients and their family/whanau are supported by our team of specialist palliative medicine doctors, nurses, social worker, counsellors, pharmacist and spiritual care coordinator.

With a purpose built six-bed short stay facility our inpatient unit is staffed by experienced palliative care doctors, nurses and allied health staff. Hospice Southland also supports patients at home as this is where they often generally prefer to be.

To support this service Hospice Southland also operates 7 shops turning 2nd hand goods into 1st class care by raising essential funds to provide specialist palliative care to our community. Our Hospice shops are in Invercargill, Gore, Winton, Queenstown and Te Anau.

With a history spanning 27 years in Southland, Hospice Southland remains in operation due to generous donations, volunteer contributions and Ministry funding. We take huge pride in the strong community support we receive.

About the role

Reporting to the Medical Director you will be a qualified medical practitioner at SHO or registrar level, or an accomplished GP with an interest in Palliative Medicine. You will actively support our patients and their family/whanau during their admission to the hospice inpatient unit and in the community, including aged residential care facilities. You will be part of a team that provides specialist palliative support in Invercargill and throughout Southland and the Wakatipu Basin. You can design or participate in quality improvement initiatives, and there is even the option of undertaking the Clinical Diploma in Palliative Medicine through the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP). You will participate in the on-call roster as well.

Your interest in Palliative Medicine, coupled with excellent communication skills, strong organisational abilities, and an aptitude for teaching/coaching are crucial. Post-graduate experience or education in Palliative Medicine whilst desirable, is not essential.

For those who are not in the know Invercargill is the capital of Southland which boasts multiple leisure opportunities as well as excellent educational and sporting facilities. In Southland you will be able to live in a community dedicated to excellence in family focused lifestyle. Access to a world class outdoors environment is second to none for those keen to experience nature at its best, be it world heritage walks or globally recognised brown trout fisheries, the wineries of Central Otago or the ski fields in Queenstown, there is something for everyone. This is a lifestyle opportunity not to be missed.

Applications

For more information or if you want to be part of our special team knowing you are making a real difference in your community and you have the skills and experience we are looking for please contact Dr Amanda Sommerfeldt on 032 211 3081 or amandas@hospicesouthland.org.nz