

PALLIATIVE MEDICINE SPECIALIST

PERMANENT

(PART-TIME or FULL-TIME HOURS)

We have an exciting opportunity for a Specialist Palliative Care doctor to join our dynamic team at Hospice Whanganui.

Whanganui is a super groovy town in the lower North Island with a vibrant arts, culture and café scene, alongside amazing outdoor and recreational opportunities. It has a great climate and is central to many other towns and cities in New Zealand.

We are an engaging and vibrant group of people who are passionate about providing exceptional palliative care to all people in our community. We believe that everyone should have equal access to specialist palliative care in the place they choose to be. This means that, while we have a small in-patient facility, most of our services are provided in the community in patients' homes and in partnership with their whānau.

Our philosophy is to work in a truly holistic and integrated way to meet the total needs of our patients and their whānau and to support them to live the best life they can with the time they have left.

Our team consists of medical officers, nurse practitioner, registered nurses, social work/whānau support staff, health care assistants, pharmacist, and clinical support staff to enable a collaborative and inter-disciplinary approach to our work.

We work closely with many other partners across our community, including General Practice teams, Māori health providers, home-care providers, residential aged care facilities, St John's ambulance, Te Whatu Ora o Whanganui and the hospital-based team. We also work closely with Arohanui Hospice in Palmerston North.

This position will suit someone who is looking to join a forward-looking team of professionals who are committed to testing the status quo in order to bring excellent palliative care to people in this region. You will bring your passion and experience in palliative care to make a difference in our community.

Please find the Job Description attached and to express an interest in the role, please email your CV and cover letter to wendyt@hospicewhanganui.org.nz or email Dr Wendy Tsai on the same email if you have any questions.

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GOAL

To be a vibrant, learning and sustainable organisation that delivers excellence in specialist palliative care for the people of Whanganui

This job description is written for the position as at November 2022 and is subject to amendment from time-to-time.

Position title:	Specialist Medical Officer (SMO)
Primary place of work:	Hospice Whanganui
Position status:	Permanent, Part-time
Hours of work:	0.6 FTE to Full-time (Negotiable)
Reports to:	Medical Lead

Purpose of position

To provide excellent specialist palliative care to patients of Hospice Whanganui

To provide 24/7 specialist medical support on a rostered and rotational basis to all Hospice Whanganui patients, with the primary component of the role being community-focused.

To provide specialist support to the Hospice Whanganui clinical team including training and oversight where needed.

To provide timely, specialist medical support to external partners, including GPs, Hospital clinicians, Aged Residential Care Providers, St John's Ambulance and others.

To provide active, specialist input to HW's clinical excellence as part of an interdisciplinary team (IDT), in line with its holistic ethos and in accordance with the NZ Palliative Care Standards.

To provide specialist medical support and training to staff, patients, whānau and external partners as required in line with the values of Hospice Whanganui.

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Functional Relationships	
<u>Internal:</u>	Chief Executive Officer and members of the HW Management Team Hospice Medical Officers Multi-disciplinary team (clinical staff, whānau support team, care assistants, pharmacist etc) All clinical and non-clinical staff at Hospice Whanganui Medical on-call team Hospice Wanganui volunteers and contractors
<u>External:</u>	Patients and their whānau (families and networks) Local GP (General Practice) teams Te Whatu Ora o Whanganui and all hospital clinicians St John's Ambulance Māori Health providers Community health care providers Aged care providers Relevant partners like pharmacies and other providers of services Arohanui Hospice and other Hospices in the HNZ network ANZSPM (Australia and NZ Society of Palliative Medicine) Hospice NZ Palliative care providers nationally

Summary of Key Duties	
1. Clinical responsibilities	2. Training and Professional Development
3. Teamwork and Collaboration	4. Health and Safety
5. Organisational Values	6. Te Tiriti o Waitangi
7. Other Duties	

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KEY DUTIES

1. Clinical responsibilities

Responsibilities	Key Performance Indicators
<p>Ensure that the highest standard of specialist palliative care and management is provided to Hospice patients in line with the NZ Palliative Care Standards and Hospice Whanganui Standards.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a senior role in driving clinical excellence and innovation through all of Hospice Whanganui’s work across all settings. • Provide an equitable, specialist 24/7 medical service that responds to the holistic needs of our patients and whānau. This includes symptom management, end of life care, and psycho-social support, in line with Hospice philosophy. • Support Medical Officers, Nurse Practitioners and Registered Nurses (RN) with effective triage of referrals and discharge from the service based on a sound understanding of referral criteria. • Assess and review patients in a timely and efficient manner as determined by the interdisciplinary team; and formulate a shared care plan that reflects the patient’s goals of care is formulated for all patients. • Assessments and diagnostic services take into account the patient’s unique circumstances and use accepted assessment tools and methods (such as IPOS, AKPS etc). • Care is tailored to the patient’s preferences which includes visits to the patient’s place of residence, providing out-patient clinics,

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	<p>providing ‘virtual’ consultations or supporting care for patients admitted to the Hospice in-patient unit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide timely support to the inter-disciplinary team to manage complexity using critical thinking in a calm, considered manner. • Provide timely and effectively specialist input to primary care providers (including GPs and ARCs) as well as other providers (such as allied services, St John’s Ambulance, hospital staff and community/health services) to ensure seamless and integrated care for the patient. • Deliver specialist input and integration with Primary Care in a relational way. • Provide specialist after-hour care (on a rostered basis) in a timely way that aims to prevent unnecessary hospital admission and responds to patient need. • Document clinical records and data in a timely way. This includes all required records in our patient-information systems as required by the organisation, professional standards and audit processes; and timely reporting and recording of all incidents or near-misses.
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2. Training and Professional Development

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Responsibilities	Key Performance Indicators
<p>Contributes to specialist palliative care training and education and commits to ongoing professional development in specialist palliative care.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regularly, and as agreed with the Medical Lead, contribute to specialist education and training of in-house and external colleagues. • Proactively contribute to the annual HW Education and Training Calendar, including developing and delivering sessions where needed. • Stay abreast of current developments and best practice in specialist palliative as well as emerging trends and issues impacting on palliative care (such as End of Life Choice Act, changes to Health & Disability Standards etc) • Commit to ongoing professional development in line with agreed annual professional development goals. • Engage proactively in regular clinical supervision and accepts /acts on feedback in a professional manner. • Demonstrate reflective practice and constructively participates in IDT / case discussions with the aim upskilling self and others.

3. Teamwork and Collaboration

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<p>Teamwork is exemplified in the timely and constructive specialist support provided to the IDT as well as specialist advice and support to other providers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively and positively support the Medical Lead to design, implement and monitor new initiatives or innovative practices. • Positively and proactively engage in daily hand-over meeting and weekly IDT meetings, leading to trusting relationships in the team and excellent patient outcomes. • Regularly attend and actively engage in clinical and management team meetings. • Value and respect input from all members of the multidisciplinary team, basing management of patient / whānau needs on shared assessment and care planning documents and processes. • Provide specialist support and training to new or visiting staff members (eg Nurse Practitioners, NPs in training, visiting MOs, interns or other clinical staff) • Engage positively and regularly with all GPs in Whanganui, including through the Palliative Care Partnership leading to effective relationships and specialist advice that deliver excellent patient outcomes. • A flexible approach to working across the Community, out-patient clinic and In-patient unit in a non-siloed manner leads to effective and productive outcomes. • Demonstrate positive and professional leadership and influence in the clinical team that advances the strategic objectives and aspiration of the organisation.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to the ongoing learning, development and excellence of the clinical team at Hospice Whanganui through innovation and best practice leadership. • Engage effectively and positively with all non-clinical staff and volunteers of HW, including the wider management team and Board where required. • Demonstrate willingness to work across Hospice Whanganui and Arohanui Hospice (in Palmerston North) where needed and appropriate.
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4. Health and Safety

Responsibilities	Key Performance Indicator
<p>Comply with all safe work procedures, policies and instructions.</p> <p>Report all incidents, hazard, near misses and injuries in a timely manner.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Hospice Whanganui mandatory training. • Take personal responsibility for maintaining safe environment for self, colleagues and the patient / whānau. • Complete all accident and hazard forms in a timely way if and when required, including medical and drug errors.

5. Organisational Values

Responsibilities	Key Performance Indicator
Owning and living HW's core values	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core HW values are lived out and demonstrated in all aspects of work.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The patient and their whānau are central to all clinical decisions. • The aspirational goals and strategic direction of the organisation are advanced in all aspects of work. • Constructive and respectful feedback from others is welcomed and accepted in an open and collegial way. • Conflicts and tensions are resolved in a timely, respectful and courageous manner to maintain a culture of kindness and respect. • Kotahitanga (unity), Māia (courage), manaakitanga (respect, generosity, kindness) and accountability are foundational principles in all aspects of work and relationship at HW. • Positively represents Hospice Whanganui in all dealings with stakeholders, partners and our community.
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6. Te Tiriti o Waitangi

Responsibilities	Key Performance Indicator (Job holder is successful when)
Commitment to the principles of Te Tiriti O Waitangi Other duties as required.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate an understanding of the Treaty of Waitangi and its principles. • Integrate the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi into all practices and management procedures where possible.

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<p>Understanding of and commitment to addressing the barriers to equitable access to our service</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commit to ongoing learning to better support our Māori community and to address any real or perceived barriers to equity. • Work collaboratively with Māori to provide the best care and outcomes for Māori patients and whānau. • Work collaboratively with Māori service providers to ensure positive and culturally appropriate outcomes for Māori.
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7. Other Duties

Responsibilities	Key Performance Indicator
<p>Other duties are performed as agreed with Manager</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other duties that fall outside of this Job Description and reasonably requested by the Manager are performed to expectations.

Person Specifications

The following are the requirements the individual must have to successfully perform the requirements of this job:

<p>Experience and Skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A minimum of two years' relevant specialist palliative care experience is desirable but not essential. • Experience working in a clinical setting with a holistic kaupapa or philosophy is desirable. • Experience and interest working in a community setting is desirable.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An understanding of and interest in tikanga Māori and addressing barriers to equity in healthcare is desirable.
<p>Qualifications, other requirements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have FRACP – Palliative Medicine or FACHPM or equivalent (agreed by RACP and NZMC as appropriate for NZ practice) • Hold a current Annual Practicing Certificate and have a medical indemnity insurance which complies with NZ requirements. • He/she will have a commitment to the Hospice philosophy. • Current drivers’ license is essential as a large component of this role involves visiting patients and whānau in the community, including rural areas. • Fluency in English is essential as is the ability to communicate and interact effectively with a diverse range of people.
<p>Essential Personal Attributes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Able to maintain a high level of professionalism and resilience even when under pressure. • Approachable and willing to always engage positively with colleagues. • Able to reflect on own practice and act on constructive feedback from others. • Able to work effectively as part of a cohesive, interdisciplinary team, recognising the value of others’ inputs and expertise. • Able and willing to solve problems and contribute to solutions in the interest of the organisation. • Able to make effective and timely decisions. • Able to teach and support other clinical staff while working. • Excellent time management and prioritisation skills and able to be highly productive.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Loyal to the organisation and committed to its ongoing development and improvement.• Committed to the values of the organisation at all times.
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