



MINISTRY OF HEALTH & MEDICAL SERVICES

ROLE DESCRIPTION

Particulars of the position

Role:	Senior Medical Officer
Salary Band:	Band I
Base salary & Allowances:	MOCA A: Base: 65,749.82 + On Call Allowance: 16,437.46 + Environmental Allowance 9,862.47 = F\$92,049.75
Duration:	Permanent Appointment until the Retirement Age of 60 years
Location:	Anaesthesia Unit
Division:	Labasa Hospital
Reports to:	HOD, Consultant, Chief Medical Officers, Principal Medical Officers
Subordinates:	Medical Officers

Overview of the Unit

The Hospital provides a comprehensive range of curative, primary and preventative health services to the residents of the Division. It is the main tertiary referral Centre for the Division and some Pacific Island Countries. In addition, the Hospital provides the main clinical teaching facilities for the training of all health care providers (both undergraduate and postgraduate training) in Fiji and the Pacific Region.

The Position

The position supports and assists the Consultant HOD in the provision of high quality services in the relevant Specialized field of Medicine, under the responsibility of the Medical Superintendent, consistent with the values of the Ministry of Civil Service and the Ministry of Health and Medical Services.

Key Duties

The position will achieve its purpose through the following key duties.

1. Implement activities of the Unit by working effectively with the HOD and adheres towards a positive collegiate relationship.
2. Undertake clinical responsibilities in the hospital and on outreach, by being actively involved in patient care, available for consultation and liaison with other units and referring hospitals, maintaining appropriate records and confidentiality, to ensuring best practice care to obtain best possible outcomes whilst promoting and maintaining client focus.
3. Participate in peer reviews and implement the monitoring and evaluation of unit activities to ensure corrective measures are undertaken to provide effective and efficient services.
4. Responsible for medical reports & some medico-legal assessments under the guidance and directive of the HOD
5. Identifying and minimizing risk at a systematic level through effective communication and management skills to contribute to improve clinical governance.

6. Undertake education, teaching and research activities to train and support staff, students and other stakeholders; be responsible for personal continuous professional development and be a health advocate.

Key Performance Indicators

Performance will be measured through the following indicators:

1. Implement activities of the Unit/SD according to the plans and working effectively with the Team adhering towards a positive collegiate relationship.
2. Undertake clinical/PH responsibilities in the hospital and on outreach to obtain best possible outcome and maintain client focus.
3. Monitor and evaluate activities of responsible areas to provide effective and efficient services and ensure corrective measures are undertaken to improve clinical governance.
4. Undertake education, teaching and research activities for personal continuous professional development and be a health advocate.

The Person

In addition to a Postgraduate Diploma qualification or equivalent in the field of specialty, the following knowledge experience, skills and abilities are required to successfully undertake this role:

Knowledge and Experience

1. Knowledge of evidence-based standards of safe practices in the relevant specialized field of Medicine and general medicine.
2. Awareness with some knowledge of medical and government legislation, policies and medico-legal compliance.
3. Understand the concepts/tools used in clinical leadership, management, audits, research, monitoring and evaluation and clinical governance.
4. Experience working in a hospital with limited resources.
5. Experience in resuscitating patients with life-threatening emergencies, participating in an emergency response, and supporting team members and relatives of very sick patients.

Skills and Abilities

1. Good Clinical Skills including procedural skills.
2. Good communication skills.
3. Good organizational skills.
4. Able to work within a multidisciplinary team, work under pressure in a resource constrained environment/facility and can cope with adverse outcomes.
5. Able to recognize and escalate the care of complex medical problems using evidence-based approach with guidance from Specialists.
6. Demonstrated ability in organizing professional development activities (conferences, meetings and workshops), personal development and learning new skills

Selection Criteria

1. Intermediate Clinical competence in the relevant specialized field of Medicine and should have sound experience in the said specialized field of Medicine.
2. Effective Officer who can contribute in the unit to maintain patient safety and quality of care.

3. Highly effective oral and written communicator.
4. Demonstrated ability to collaborate with Stakeholders and Health Advocates.
5. Ability in training and supporting research.
6. A professional who demonstrates the highest values and ethical practice.

Personal Character and Eligibility

Applicants for employment in the Ministry of Health & Medical Services must be of good character, with a background that demonstrates their commitment to the Civil Service Values contained in the Fijian Constitution. Applicants must also be Fijian Citizens, under age of 55, in sound health, with a clear police record. The selected applicant will be required to provide a medical certificate and police clearance prior to take up of duty.

The Ministry is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer. Applications are encouraged from all eligible, qualified applicants. All applicants must address the specific knowledge, experience, skills and abilities required of the job, as these criteria will be considered in assessing the relative suitability of applicants.