

# Victor Chang Foundation Surgical Fellowship

## Position Description

### POSITION DETAILS

<b>Position Title:</b>	Victor Chang Foundation Surgical Fellow/Cardiothoracic Surgery
<b>Reports to:</b>	Assigned cardiothoracic surgeon
<b>Division:</b>	Cardiothoracic Surgery
<b>Unit:</b>	Cardiothoracic Surgery
<b>Award:</b>	Negotiated Award between St Vincent's Hospital and the Applicant
<b>Location:</b>	St Vincent's Hospital and St Vincent's Private Hospital, Victoria Street, Darlinghurst NSW 2010, The Mater Hospital, Rocklands Rd, North Sydney, part of St Vincent's & Mater Health
<b>Hours of work (including On-Call availability):</b>	Normal rostered hours of work with rotating on-call availability

### MAIN PURPOSE OF POSITION

Training will be under the constant supervision of Senior Medical staff and the position will involve assisting in the Operating Room with exposure to the following surgical techniques:

- Techniques of coronary artery surgery
- Opening of the chest, establishment of cardiopulmonary bypass and harvesting of saphenous vein.
- Performance of proximal vein anastomosis on cardiopulmonary bypass
- Weaning of patients off cardiopulmonary bypass and closure of chest
- Performance of distal coronary artery anastomosis
- Taking down of internal mammary arteries
- Complex aortic valve surgery
- Involvement in the insertion and extraction of Left Ventricular Assist Devices
- Management of post coronary artery surgery patients
- Attendance at cardiac meetings which assess patient suitability for coronary artery surgery
- Cardiac surgery of valve disease.
- Research and Quality Improvement:
  - Participation in the Department's research projects
  - Participation in the Quality improvement activities of the department

## **POSITION REQUIREMENTS**

**Demonstrated clinical competency in the field of cardiovascular surgery and medicine**

### **1. Qualifications**

- MBBS or equivalent
- Additional qualification in Cardiothoracic surgery
- NSW Medical Board Registration

### **2. Clinical**

The main clinical requirements of the applicant will be provision of services in the operating room and intensive care under senior supervision.

They will also be required to participate in unit meetings and education sessions and will be expected to increase their skills in the range of cardiothoracic surgery and transplantation whilst working at St Vincents.

At no time will they have direct interaction with the patient where they would be required to manage patients or make decisions clinically.

### **3. Research & Teaching**

The Fellow will have no structured role in teaching. They will be expected to take place in clinical research under supervision of a senior colleague.

### **4. Orientation**

The Fellow will be undergoing a period of orientation when they first takes up the position. This is a structured orientation process by St Vincents Hospital and also by the cardiothoracic unit where they are mentored by senior doctors in the unit.

### **5. Supervision**

The Fellow will not have any duties of supervision. They will at all times be supervised by a Senior Consultant in the unit.

### **6. Other Responsibilities**

The Fellow will have no other responsibilities apart from those outlined above.

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The Fellow's times in the cardiac unit is so that they can increase his knowledge of the various techniques of cardiothoracic surgery and at the same time assist the consultant cardiothoracic surgeons in carrying out their duties. Of course the doctor is expected to comply with the policies of the Sisters of Charity at St Vincent's Hospital and also with the Area Health Services Performance Policy Occupational Health and Safety requirements and Code of Conduct.

### **LOCAL BACKGROUND AND ENIRONMENT**

The Fellow positions are in the cardiothoracic and transplant program at St Vincents Hospital Sydney, Darlinghurst. This unit supplies adult cardiothoracic surgical services for the South Eastern and Illawarra Region and also a statewide service for NSW, being an area of quaternary referral for complex cardiothoracic surgery.

The unit also is the Heart and Lung Transplant Unit for NSW and also services patients from Interstate. St Vincents Hospital is a tertiary Hospital and the Cardiothoracic Unit and Transplant Program at St Vincents Hospital has a National and International reputation.

### **KEY INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL RELATIONSHIP**

The Fellows will be part of the Cardiothoracic and Transplant Surgical Unit. The doctor is expected to relate to the junior staff in the program and also to nursing staff and to the Senior Consultant staff. They will not represent the unit at any committee meetings or organisations.

### **SUPERVISION ARRANGEMENTS OF THE SPECIALIST / HOSPITAL NON-SPECIALIST**

The Fellow will be supervised by a Senior Consultant in the Cardiothoracic unit AT ALL TIMES both in normal hours and after hours.

The senior supervisor will also have other supervisory responsibilities for junior staff.

### **CHALLENGES/PROBLEM SOLVING**

The role of this position can be quite challenging in the following ways:

- The mastering of surgical techniques in the operating room ranging from the simplest to more complex techniques.
- Observing the assessment of patients for cardiothoracic surgery and transplantation, and the tests required and decision making required to select patients appropriately.
- To observe the results of cardiothoracic surgery and the management processes required both in the operating room and the intensive care to achieve good outcomes.

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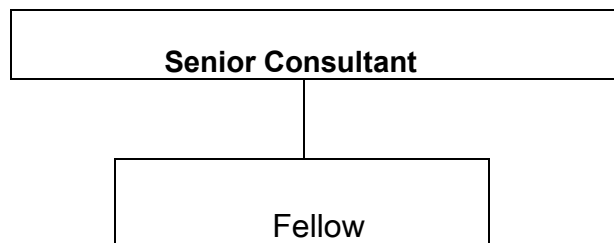
## DECISION MAKING

This Fellowship position essentially has no autonomous decision making responsibilities attached to it. The doctor holding the position may form certain opinions, but will also refer to a supervision consultant before the final decision is made.

## PERFORMANCE MONITORING

The Fellowship position is monitored by Senior Consultants in the cardiothoracic unit. The participating doctor will have his clinical practice reviewed on a three monthly basis by the Senior Consultants and this will cover both education, technical aspects and the ability to benefit from learning experiences and manifest progressive improvement in techniques.

## ORGANISATIONAL CHART:



## VERIFICATION

Both the senior supervisor in the unit and the cardiothoracic fellows have read this Job Description and have agreed that it accurately describes the position.

The position holder agrees to work in accordance with the requirements of the position and accepts to

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comply with policies and procedures of the Area Health Service.

**POSITION HOLDER: Dr**

Signature: .....

Date: .....

**SUPERVISOR: XXXXXXXXXXX**

Signature: .....

Date ..... [SEP]

**CONTACT DETAILS FOR THE POSITION**

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