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## Medical Education 2018



# Postgraduate Medical Education

St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne has an outstanding reputation in post-graduate medical education. The hospital is committed to providing optimal learning environments and training opportunities from Semester 12 undergraduate, through prevocational training, medical, surgical, critical care, and a variety of other training pathways. We are fortunate to have a number of Senior Medical Staff who have trained with St Vincent's and either chosen to stay, or who now bring back a wealth of experience gained elsewhere.

Junior medical staff (JMS) learning and development is supported by a range of education programs delivered by the Clinical Education and Simulation team, as well as a network of Term Supervisors who provide support and education within each rotation. An intern mentoring program matches all new interns with a Registrar mentor who holds similar personal or professional interests. Our mentors are chosen because of their interest in supporting junior medical staff, and provide pearls of wisdom and a friendly face throughout the year.

## Junior Doctor Education Programs

### A diverse range of education programs

Intern education sessions are held weekly throughout the year, and include practical skills, theory and workshops tailored to the needs of interns in their first year of medicine.

The HMO2/3 Education Forum provides targeted education to meet the specific learning and professional development needs of the resident medical officer group.

The Surgical Essentials for Residents Program delivers a series of hands-on skills workshops for surgical resident medical officers, facilitated by specialists including Consultant Surgeons, Anaesthetists and Intensivists.

Other education opportunities for junior medical staff include weekly Surgical Resident lectures, GSSE Preparation, the Registrar Ready program, annual Advanced Life Support, Grand Rounds, Division of Medicine and Surgery meetings, lectures, audits and unit specific education.

### Online learning

Interactive web-based learning modules provide JMS with the opportunity to complete continuing education programs and mandatory hospital requirements whether on or off-site.

### Unit-based learning

Term Descriptions are provided for all Intern and Resident rotations, outlining the learning objectives, key contacts, rostering and other important information. Our network of Term Supervisors provide JMS with formal feedback each rotation.

### Orientation

Interns undertake a three day orientation including a day buddied with a current Intern. New Residents and Registrars undertake a half day orientation to the hospital, IT, systems and resources.

### JMS Survival Guide

The Survival Guide is just that -an invaluable resource which is updated by hospital staff each year to provide a one stop shop of useful hospital information, guidelines, procedures and clinical notes.

### Clinical Education and Simulation Centre

The Clinical Education and Simulation Centre provides learning opportunities across all specialties, utilising a range of educational technology and a purpose built teaching laboratory. Facilities include high fidelity manikins and a cadaveric anatomy laboratory in association with Melbourne University. The centre provides medical staff with the opportunity to practice and develop clinical skills in a safe environment.

# Leaders in Medical Careers

St Vincent's Health provides extensive preparation and education programs for training in a diverse range of medical careers. The quality of programs delivered is reflected in the impressive results in both surgical and physician training.

## Surgical Training

St Vincent's offers a wide range of SET programs for trainees. We have a sound reputation in education opportunities, the preparation of trainees for exams and a dynamic surgical research program.

Surgeons at St Vincent's are active in teaching and research providing trainees excellent opportunities for professional growth.

## Physician Training

St Vincent's is part of the Compass6 Consortium for Basic Physician Training. Trainees are part of an active training and preparation program that offers a range of tutorials, mentoring programs, study groups and intensive preparation for both written and oral RACP exams.

This training program has seen St Vincent's gain the reputation as the most successful physician training program in Australasia for the last 10 years.

## Advanced Training Opportunities

As an acute tertiary referral hospital, St Vincent's offers junior medical staff a wide array of advanced training opportunities, including the following disciplines:

- Anaesthetics
- Cardiology
- Clinical Haematology
- Colorectal Surgery
- Emergency
- ENT Surgery
- Gastroenterology
- Infectious Diseases
- Laboratory Haematology
- Neurology
- Oncology
- Palliative Care
- Perioperative Medicine
- Radiology
- Respiratory Medicine
- Upper GI and Hepatobiliary Surgery
- Geriatrics
- Anatomical Pathology
- Cardiothoracic Surgery
- Clinical Immunology
- Dermatology
- Endocrinology
- Faciomaxillary Surgery
- General Medicine
- Intensive Care
- Nephrology
- Neurosurgery
- Orthopaedic Surgery
- Plastic Surgery
- Psychiatry
- Rehabilitation
- Rheumatology
- Urology
- Clinical Microbiology
- Vascular Surgery

## Surgical Careers at St Vincent's Hospital

St Vincent's offers comprehensive surgical training programs.

Here are some important reasons why should you consider St Vincent's Hospital for a successful career in surgery:

- Unparalleled track record surgical examinations
- Surgical Mentor to assist with career planning and access to specialty surgical Consultants
- Comprehensive support for GSSE and SET preparation
  - Interview and CV writing workshops
  - Supported monthly GSSE study sessions
- Structured surgical education program including monthly half-day exam preparation seminars
- Access to St Vincent's Clinical Education & Simulation Centre
  - Procedural skills courses
  - Emergency simulation courses
  - Teaching Laboratory
- Surgical Essentials for Residents program
- Surgical Residents weekly lectures
- SET Registrar weekly lectures
- Broad range of surgical specialty rotations including:
  - Anaesthetics
  - Cardiothoracic Surgery
  - Colorectal Surgery
  - Emergency
  - ENT Surgery
  - ICU
  - Neurosurgery
  - Obstetrics and Gynaecology
  - Orthopaedic Surgery
  - Plastics & Reconstructive Surgery
  - Rural General Surgery rotations
  - Surgical Oncology (VCCC)
  - Upper GI Surgery
  - Urology
  - Vascular Surgery

# Internal Applications

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. What criteria does St Vincent's use to select their Interns?

Firstly, a written application must be submitted via [stvincents.mercury.com.au](http://stvincents.mercury.com.au).

The application must include a CV detailing academic history, any additional qualifications and academic highlights (i.e.: honours obtained and awards etc.). Also include work background, extracurricular interests and special achievements. You will also need to provide two written Referee Assessments via the PMCV Computer Matching website [computermatching.pmcv.com.au](http://computermatching.pmcv.com.au).

Together with this information the hospital will look at your academic background. Shortlisted candidates will then be contacted to arrange an interview. Communication skills are extremely important for the medical profession, so too are your personal attributes and your 'fit' with our values and our organisation.

The St Vincent's intern candidate ranking is then determined by an overall assessment of interview, academic performance to date, CV and referee reports. Our hospital is required to lodge candidate preferences to PMCV for the Computer Match.

Interns must rank hospitals in order of true preference, and submit to PMCV. Applicants wanting an Internship at St Vincent's are encouraged to place St Vincent's first on their list of preferences. Whilst your preferences and the hospitals' preferences remain absolutely confidential with the PMCV, please don't waste your top preference if you truly want to work at our hospital.

### 2. Where do St Vincent's Interns come from?

St Vincent's Interns come from a variety of personal and professional backgrounds, Clinical Schools and Universities, and we encourage applications from prospective interns who are interested in the diverse range of medical, surgical, critical care pathways St Vincent's has to offer. The selection process is the same for all applicants.

### 3. Do I have to do an external rotation?

External rotations provide excellent opportunities to manage a range of acute and non-acute conditions, and gain experience and exposure that would be difficult within a larger team at a metropolitan hospital. External rotations are available at Hamilton, Swan Hill, Warrnambool and Werribee Mercy Hospitals, as well as at the Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne. Most interns undertake a rotation at at least one of these hospitals.

### 4. What input do I have into my roster?

St Vincent's hospital provides a variety of rotations to ensure that core Emergency, Medicine and Surgery requirements are met throughout your year. Interns submit preferences to the Medical Workforce Team for rotations based on areas of clinical interest prior to the start of the year and a roster is developed by the team to best meet training needs and preferences.

As you move into HMO2 years and beyond, you will continue to have input into your roster to ensure it is tailored to meet future training needs and career requirements.

### 5. Can rosters be swapped?

Individual terms throughout the year may be swapped by mutual consent as long as core training requirements are met. Term swaps must be approved by the Supervisor of Prevocational Training.

### 6. What education activities does St Vincent's provide?

St Vincent's has an extensive program of education activities for junior medical staff. These include weekly intern education sessions, monthly surgical workshops, GSSE preparation courses and weekly lectures for residents, in addition to online learning, and a variety of specialist education and training programs.

### 7. How do I apply?

Visit [svhm.org.au](http://svhm.org.au) and click on Medical Careers. Here you will also find additional information relating to all posts and rotations offered in each. Applications must be lodged online via [stvincents.mercury.com.au](http://stvincents.mercury.com.au). You will need to have your CV ready before applying.