

VMA AGPT Program

Hospital Information for AGPT Applicants

Mandatory Hospital Rotations

Certain hospital rotations and experiences are considered mandatory preparation for the AGPT program and must be satisfactorily completed before the commencement of the second year of training. The following summary provides a guide for applicants but it is recommended that you refer to the college website links below for more detailed information.

FRACGP

Go to <http://www.racgp.org.au/vocationaltraining/registrarsresources>

FACRRM

Go to <http://www.acrrm.org.au/vocationaltraining> then click on 'Fellowship: Vocational Training Handbook'.

Hospital rotations

Prior to commencing in your GP Terms, you must complete 7 hospital rotations. Each rotation must be 10-13 weeks duration, full time equivalent.

1. General medicine
Preferably general medicine or, if unavailable, a rotation that offers broad medical experience.
2. General Surgery
General surgery is preferred or, if unavailable, a surgical rotation that covers the principles of basic surgical care.
3. Accident and emergency
A term in Accident and Emergency.
4. Paediatrics
This rotation must be undertaken in an approved post in an accredited hospital with child and adolescent health experience, which includes a high proportion of paediatric emergency attendances under appropriate supervision.

Paediatric rotation

If an accident and emergency term has included experience with sick children and adolescents, where the junior doctor has personally cared for these patients in adequate numbers, the RACGP state censor will usually accept this experience in lieu of a term in paediatrics.

Please note that if you would like an A&E rotation to count towards your mandatory Paediatric rotation, then you must complete two rotations in A&E – one to count towards A&E and one to count towards Paediatrics.

Paediatric rotation (continued)

VMA acknowledged that securing a Paediatric rotation can be difficult and not always possible within the Melbourne hospital networks in the timeframe required to apply for AGPT. In such cases, VMA may accept a rotation of 10-13 weeks duration in an Accident and Emergency Department with a high percentage of paediatric presentations towards your Paediatric Rotation. A separate rotation in A&E is still required to fulfil the requirements of that rotation.

Prior to accepting or undertaking an A&E rotation to count towards your Paediatric Rotation, you should contact the VMA Operations Manager, MS Sharon Butler, Sharon.Butler@vma.com.au, (03) 9822 1100.

The Melbourne hospitals where an A&E rotation may count towards your Paediatric rotation are listed below. Please note that if you would like an A&E rotation to count towards your mandatory Paediatric rotation, then you must complete two rotations in A&E – one to count towards A&E and one to count towards Paediatrics.

- Angliss Hospital
- Austin Hospital
- Box Hill Hospital
- Casey Hospital
- Frankston Hospital
- Geelong Hospital
- Maroondah Hospital
- Northern Hospital
- Sandringham Hospital

Three additional rotations

In addition to these rotations, GP registrars must obtain hospital experience in at **least three other areas**. Some examples of possible rotations include, but are not limited to, the following

• Anaesthetics	• O&G
• Ophthalmology	• Dermatology
• Emergency medicine	• ENT'
• Orthopaedics	• Psychiatry
• Geriatrics	• Rehabilitation
• Infectious diseases	• Urology

This list is subject to change, please check with VMA program staff. Other relevant rotations may be approved by the appropriate regional senior medical educator in conjunction with the relevant State RACGP Censor.

Additional requirements for FACRRM

In addition to these rotations FACRRM requires registrars to complete rotations in obstetrics and gynaecology, and anaesthetics; and FRACGP requires registrars to obtain hospital experience in at least three other areas.

Recognition of prior learning

Recognition of prior learning (RPL) can reduce registrars' overall time in the AGPT program. RPL should be negotiated between the registrar and their RTP. RPL must be applied for in the first year of training. A maximum of 52 weeks RPL is allowed.

AGPT Hospital Year

It is the responsibility of each applicant to arrange their own hospital job for their hospital year of the AGPT program.

A list of Melbourne and Metropolitan Hospital is below:

Alfred Hospital	Commercial Rd, Prahran VIC 3181 ph: (03) 9276 2000
Angliss Hospital	Albert St, Upper Ferntree Gully VIC 3156 ph: (03) 9764 6111
Austin Health	145 Studley Rd, Heidelberg VIC 3084 ph: (03) 9496 5000
Box Hill Hospital	Nelson Rd, Box Hill VIC 3128 ph: (03) 9895 3333
Casey Hospital	52 Kangan Drive, Berwick VIC 3806 ph: (03) 8768 1200
Dandenong Hospital	David St, Dandenong VIC 3175 ph: (03) 9554 1000
Eye & Ear Royal Victorian	32 Gisborne St, East Melbourne VIC 3002 ph: (03) 9929 8666
Frankston Hospital	Hastings Rd, Frankston VIC 3199 ph: (03) 9784 7777
Geelong Hospital	263 Ryrie Street, Geelong VIC 3220 ph: (03) 5226 7111
Maroondah Hospital	Davey Drive, Ringwood East VIC 3135 ph: (03) 9871 3333
Monash Medical Centre	246 Clayton Road, Clayton VIC 3168 ph: (03) 9594 6666
Northern Hospital	185 Cooper St, Epping VIC 3076 ph: (03) 8405 8000
Royal Melbourne Hospital	Grattan Street, Parkville VIC 3050 ph: (03) 9342 7000
St Vincent's Hospital	41 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy VIC 3065 ph: (03) 9288 2211
Sunshine Hospital	176 Furlong Road, St Albans VIC 3021 ph: (03) 8345 1333
Western Hospital	Gordon Street, Footscray VIC 3011 ph: (03) 8345 6666
Williamstown Hospital	Railway Crescent, Williamstown VIC 3016 ph: (03) 9393 0100