



Palliative Care Consultant/Specialist

Are you a doctor with specialist palliative care experience looking to develop your career further in a beautiful part of the world, with fantastic work-life balance in a friendly community where you will be valued?

We have a unique and exciting opportunity for a Palliative Care Consultant or Specialist to join our team at Hospice Southland, in the South Island of New Zealand

- Substantive role: 0.6 -1.0 WTE
- Hours can be shaped to suit your work-life balance
- Delivering specialist palliative care for patients and their families
- Lifestyle opportunity with access to world-class outdoor environment

About the role

Reporting to the Medical Director, you will actively support our patients and their families during admissions to the hospice inpatient unit and in the community, including care homes and nursing homes.

You will be employed as a Senior Medical Officer (Consultant/Associate Specialist) or Specialist Medical Officer (Registrar-level) depending on your experience, and will have generous vacation and CME leave. Stipends are provided for conference leave as well as relocation expenses.

Your responsibilities will include:

- Managing complex cases and follow-up
- Supporting and mentoring other multidisciplinary staff
- Collaborating with GPs, Nursing homes and other specialist providers
- Delivering education to hospice and community colleagues
- Developing quality improvement projects and contributing to clinical governance

About you

You will have comprehensive knowledge of Palliative Care gained in either a hospice, community and/or hospital setting. Excellent communication skills, strong organisational abilities, and an aptitude for teaching are crucial. This position might also suit clinicians who, along with palliative care experience, are experienced in Rehabilitation, Geriatrics, General Practice or General Medicine.

Desirable for applicants:

- To be eligible for registration with the Medical Council of New Zealand. We can guide you through the vocational registration and visa application processes
- Fellowship of the Australasian Chapter of Palliative Medicine (AChPM) or equivalent

About us

Hospice Southland is the main specialist palliative care provider in the Southland region. We care for patients from the rural areas of Tapanui in the east, Fjordland in the west, up to Queenstown and Glenorchy to the North and even occasionally to Stewart Island.

Our hospice comprises a beautiful purpose-built inpatient unit with six beds on the site of Southland Hospital, a hospital consult service and an impressive community team who support an average of 140 patients.

Our philosophy is to work in a truly holistic and integrated way to meet the total needs of our patients and their families and to support them to live life to the fullest. Our team consists of doctors, nurse practitioner, registered and enrolled nurses, patient and family support team, pharmacist, and clinical support staff to enable a collaborative and inter-disciplinary approach to our work. Patients and families under hospice services have access to a full range of psychosocial and spiritual support through illness and bereavement.

We are dedicated to reducing barriers and improving access to palliative care, in particular for Māori and patients in rural areas. Care is delivered through home visits, outpatient clinics and consult support to community and hospital colleagues. We provide a 24/7 out of hours phone consult service for palliative care advice.

Hospice Southland has a strong education ethos, working hard to build learning and improve care both internally and with other community providers. We would support you to be involved in regular teaching of visiting medical students (4th year and final year), Paramedicine students, Pharmacy students from Auckland and staff within the organisation amongst others. There would also be the opportunity to provide joint supervision of our full-time rotating FY2 doctor and to hold a lecturer position at the University of Otago in Dunedin.

Southland

Invercargill is the capital of Southland which boasts multiple leisure opportunities as well as excellent educational and sporting facilities. In Southland you will be able to live in a community dedicated to excellence in family-focused lifestyle. Access to a world-class outdoors environment is second to none for those keen to experience nature at its best, be it tramping in Fjordland, the wineries of Central Otago or the ski fields in Queenstown, there is something for everyone.

How to apply:

For further information regarding this opportunity we invite you to contact;

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A copy of the job description can be found on the vacancies page of our website

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Hospice Southland is taking a proactive and genuine approach to bring us closer to being an authentic Treaty Partner with Māori. We are committed to being an inclusive organisation and one that reflects the diversity of the community we serve. At Hospice Southland we embrace diversity and welcome applications from all people, including all gender identities, ages, ethnicities, orientations, disabilities and religions. We welcome applications from all backgrounds who share our values.