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Position Description

Specialist Metabolic Physician

Our reputation for caring for all Melburnians is as essential to who we are as any scientific breakthrough we make. We're here when it matters most, and we'll continue to be the first to speak out for our diverse community's wellbeing.

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True excellence is only possible when we work as one Royal Melbourne Hospital community. Through collaboration, we set the highest of standards and achieve our goals.

1. Be a great place to work and a great place to receive care
2. Grow our Home First approach
3. Realise the potential of the Melbourne Biomedical Precinct
4. Become a digital health service
5. Strive for sustainability



Position Description

Position Title:	Specialist Metabolic Physician
Service:	Medical Services
Location:	Royal Melbourne Hospital
Reports To:	Medical Director – Medical Services
Enterprise Agreement:	9. Medical Specialists (Victorian Public Health Sector) (AMA Victoria/ASMOF) (Single Interest Employers) Enterprise Agreement 2022 – 2026
Classification:	As per EBA
Employment Status:	Fractional
Immunisation Risk Category:	Category A
Date of Review:	November 2025

POSITION SUMMARY

The Royal Melbourne Hospital is responsible for the state-wide centre for the ongoing care of adult patients with inherited metabolic disease, including those transitioning cared from the Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) and an increasing number of adult patients referred both internally and from centres across Victoria and Tasmania. These patients have suspected and confirmed genetic metabolic conditions, such as phenylketonuria, acute porphyrias, lysosomal storage diseases, glycogen storage diseases and mitochondrial diseases.

The Specialist Physician in Metabolic Diseases is a 0.4 EFT fraction appointment, responsible for providing expert clinical care to patients with inherited metabolic disorders through outpatient clinics, inpatient consultations, and participation in a shared on-call roster. The role also includes supervision and mentorship of trainees and fellows, contribution to multidisciplinary team care, and active involvement in the delivery of high-quality, evidence-based metabolic medicine services. There is an opportunity to participate in international, multi-centre, sponsored clinical trials, as well as lead investigator-initiated trials.



KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES

- Clinical service in multiple general metabolic outpatient clinics.
- Provide high level of clinical expertise for patients presenting to Emergency Department in the context of the state-wide service for adults with inborn errors of metabolism
- Collaborate and facilitate, and as appropriate initiate research in the field of inborn errors of metabolism.
- Organisation of urgent admissions and day care treatments
- Concise and efficient reporting on patient progress through appropriate electronic medical system and communication systems.
- Maintenance of patient specific, tailored emergency assessment & treatment protocols
- Actively participate in clinical governance activities including case discussion and clinic audit
- Educational and case review presentations at Metabolic meetings and other unit meetings as required
- Attendance at the VCGS laboratory for metabolic biochemistry learning
- Attendance at RMH genetics exome meeting as required.
- Day-to-day supervision of advanced trainees in metabolic medicine

KEY RELATIONSHIPS

Internal

- Strong relationships with multiple units in the hospital, in particular the Emergency Department, General Medicine, Clinical Genetics, and Intensive Care and the multidisciplinary porphyria team.

External

- Metabolic physicians and metabolic paediatricians locally (RCH) and nationally at other metabolic centres.
- The Victorian Clinical Genetics Service
- Referring clinicians

KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

Formal Qualifications

- FRACP or equivalent qualification
- Medical Board of Australia registration as a medical practitioner

Essential:

- Commitment to live the Melbourne Way - putting people first, leading with kindness and achieving excellence together.
- Completion of Advanced Training in a relevant specialty, such as metabolic diseases, general medicine, endocrinology, neurology or genetics
- Ability to work independently without supervision, but also within a multidisciplinary team

Desirable:

- Knowledge of the Epic EMR



- Participation in previous clinical trials in inborn errors of metabolism
- Publication record in inborn errors of metabolism

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

RMH employees are measured through successful:

- Demonstration of RMH values and behaviours, being a role model for living the values;
- Completion of mandatory training activities including training related to the National Standards;
- Participation in The RMH and Division/Service specific business planning process (if required);
- Achievement of RMH and portfolio specific KPI targets as they apply to areas of responsibility;
- Participation in and satisfactory feedback through the annual performance review process; and, where applicable, ensure direct reports have individual development plans including an annual review;
- Ability to provide a safe working environment and ensure compliance with legislative requirements concerning Occupational Health and Safety, anti-discrimination, and equal opportunity;

AT THE RMH WE:

- Aim to provide a working environment that is safe and without risk to the health, safety and wellbeing of all employees, patients and consumers, and visitors.
- Speak up for patient, consumer, colleague and visitor safety, escalating issues if required.
- Deliver Safe, Timely, Effective, Person-centred Care (STEP) in line with our clinical governance framework.
- Are an equal opportunity employer, committed to providing a work environment free of harassment and discrimination. We promote diversity and inclusion in the workplace.
- Work in accordance with relevant policies, procedures, standards and legislation including those related to clinical or competency requirements, risk management, discrimination, equal opportunity and health safety and wellbeing.

ACCEPTANCE

I acknowledge and accept that this position description represents the duties, responsibilities and accountabilities that are expected of me in my employment in the position. I understand that the RMH reserves the right to modify position descriptions as required, however I will be consulted when this occurs.

Employee Signature

Employee Name (please print)

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Date

