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**Sydney/Sydney Eye Hospital**

# **Glaucoma Neuro- Ophthalmology Fellowship**

**Position Description**

## About

The Sydney Eye Hospital, established in 1882, is the largest eye hospital in the southern hemisphere. The hospital was originally the ophthalmic department of the old Sydney 'Infirmity' (Sydney Hospital), which was founded with the settlement of the Colony in 1788.

Today, Sydney Hospital and Sydney Eye Hospital (SSEH) is now a major public hospital specialising in Ophthalmology, Hand Surgery, Drug & Alcohol and Sexual Health within the South Eastern Sydney Local Health District (SESLHD). Other specialty services include General Medicine and ENT. There is also a separate Eye Emergency Department as well as a General Emergency Department.

The Hospital has a long-standing reputation for treating the highest acuity and complex patient loads, attracting referrals on a state-wide and national basis.

The Hospital is a teaching hospital with an onsite ophthalmic academic unit for Sydney University and has academic associations with the University of NSW and the University of Technology, Sydney.

## Position Details

<b>Position Title:</b>	Honorary Glaucoma Neuro-Ophthalmology Fellowship
<b>Reports To:</b>	Director of Clinical Services and Unit Head
<b>Responsible For (Staff)</b>	The Fellow is not responsible for staff but is involved in both formal and informal teaching of Registrars, Residents, Medical students and Allied Health Professionals.
<b>Division:</b>	Clinical Services
<b>Unit:</b>	Ophthalmology
<b>Award:</b>	Funded externally by Sydney Eye Hospital Foundation with a stipend of \$55,000 PA
<b>Location:</b>	Sydney Eye Hospital/ Sydney Hospital and Save Sight Institute (co located as one Hospital) are all located on the same campus at 8 Macquarie Street – Sydney NSW 2000.

## Fellowship Overview

The Fellowship is a hospital-based training with a mixture of observation and hands on management of patients through Sydney Eye Hospital, providing a much-needed service for our public patients.

We train **fully qualified ophthalmologists** from their respective country of origin. The successful applicant is chosen based on their level of previous experience, to ensure that they will most benefit from the Fellowship being offered, be able to provide a service of high standard to the patients of Sydney Eye Hospital, and are committed to returning to their country of origin with the expertise needed to provide a much needed glaucoma and neuro-ophthalmic service. Applicants returning to public ophthalmology services or academic units will be preferred.

The Fellow will work with the following glaucoma specialists:

- Dr Ridia Lim (Glaucoma Unit Head & Fellow Supervisor)
- Dr Anne Lee
- Dr Brian Chua
- Dr Jed Lusthaus
- Dr Tanya Karaconji
- Dr Jason Cheng
- Professor John Grigg (Fellow Co-Supervisor)
- Professor Ivan Goldberg (Teaching).

Neuro-Ophthalmologists:

- A/Prof Clare Fraser
- A/Prof Mitchell Lawlor

And Strabismus Specialist Dr Michael Jones.

Duties and Responsibilities
<p><b>Our Fellows will participate in:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 4-6 Outpatients clinics per week (direct patient contact, under supervision)</li><li>- Inpatient care</li><li>- Up to 3 operating sessions per week (direct patient contact, under supervision)</li><li>- On-call afterhours for Glaucoma for the year on alternate weeks and for neuro-ophthalmology (direct patient contact, under supervision)</li><li>- Teaching and supervising of our Ophthalmic Registrars/Residents in wards, clinics, operating and regular glaucoma teaching sessions and glaucoma grand rounds.</li><li>- Research including clinical trials and research projects.</li><li>- Fellow may require affiliation with the University of Sydney, through research undertaken at the Save Sight Institute (SSI) located at 8 Macquarie St, Sydney NSW.</li></ul>
Goals and Objectives
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Develop strong working relationships with a multidisciplinary workforce.</li><li>- Understand and be committed to organisational mission and goals.</li><li>- Ensure a high standard of medical care and documentation for all patients.</li><li>- Acquire the knowledge and skills required for critical assessment of the research literature and to become a productive clinical investigator.</li></ul>
Key Performance Areas
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The Fellow has a nominated Supervisor, The Head of the Glaucoma Unit, who will undertake quarterly performance assessment and review.</li><li>- This includes the assessment of clinical skills and knowledge base, clinical judgement, decision making, emergency skills, procedural skills, communication, teamwork and professional responsibility.</li></ul> <p><b>We expect our Fellows by completion of the one-year fellowship to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Complete between 30-60 or more glaucoma surgical cases in the year, including trabeculectomy, deep sclerectomy and glaucoma drainage devices. There is exposure to MIGs implants.</li><li>- Be competent in independently managing complex and comprehensive glaucoma cases, including co-managing complex cases with the other units</li><li>- Complete 50-100 or more glaucoma lasers, including iridotomy, iridoplasty and CPC</li><li>- Be competent in interpretation of glaucoma imaging, including anterior segment OCT and UBM, optic disc imaging OCT and perimetry.</li></ul> <p><b>We expect the Neuro-ophthalmology component of the fellowship to allow fellows to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Be competent in independently assessing and investigating urgent neuro-ophthalmic presentations.</li><li>- Be competent in managing acute and chronic neuro-ophthalmic patients, including co-management with other ophthalmic and physician units</li><li>- Be competent in managing strabismus cases and differentiating non-neurological causes of double vision</li><li>- Be competent in interpretation of neuro-ophthalmic imaging, OCT, perimetry, CT and MRI scans, basic electrophysiology</li><li>- We expect that the fellow will achieve a high level of skill in managing complex cases requiring multi-disciplinary care both with multiple other ophthalmic sub-specialties and other medical disciplines.</li></ul>
Induction Training
<p>All new Fellows that commence at the beginning of the Clinical Year will attend Junior Medical Officer (JMO) Orientation that is conducted by the Hospital's Medical Administration in addition to individual orientation provided by the Clinical Supervisor. Fellows that commence in July will need to liaise with SEHF Fellowship Coordinator to organise the following training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Pharmacy Orientation</li></ul>

- Medical Records Orientation
- Basic Life Support (BLS) Training
- eMR Training & Support
- Fire & Internal Emergency Training
- PPE Testing
- Mask Fit Testing

## Provisional Timetable

### Please note:

- Changes in the time table may occur to accommodate required clinical activities.
- Fellows will also review patients in emergency, AOS and for clinical trials throughout the week.

Day	Time	Activity
Monday	AM	Research
	PM	AOS – Fortnightly Research – Monthly OT Private – Monthly
Tuesday	AM	Clinic (ML) – Fortnightly VMC – Fortnightly
	PM	AOS (Neuro) – Fortnightly Clinic (CC) – Fortnightly
Wednesday	AM	Theatre (RL) – Fortnightly Clinic (AL) – Fortnightly
	PM	Theatre (JG) – Fortnightly Clinic (RL) – Fortnightly
Thursday	AM	Clinic (JG) – Fortnightly Clinic (JL) – Fortnightly
	PM	Neuro Clinic (CF/ML)
Friday	AM	Strabismus clinic (ML) Laser/Imaging clinic
	PM	Admin – Fortnightly KPro Clinic – Monthly Theatre (TK) – Monthly

The position holder agrees to work in accordance with the requirements of the position and accepts to comply with policies and procedures of the Area Health Service/GP Practice.

Applicant Signature		
NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE

  

Supervisor Signature		
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