

Sydney/Sydney Eye Hospital

Ophthalmic Trauma 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.

In 2022, 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

Position Title:	Honorary Ophthalmic Trauma Fellowship
Reports To:	Director of Clinical Services and Unit Head
Responsible For (Staff):	Fellow is not responsible for staff but is involved in both formal and informal teaching of Registrars, Residents, Medical students and Allied Health Professionals.
Division:	Clinical Services
Unit:	Ophthalmology
Award:	Part Time position Funded externally by Sydney Eye Hospital Foundation with a stipend of \$29,000 PA
Location:	Sydney/Sydney Eye Hospital is located on the same campus at 8 Macquarie Street – Sydney NSW 2000.

Ophthalmic Trauma Fellowship Overview

Ophthalmic trauma is an evolving subspecialty within the field of ophthalmology, demanding a comprehensive and multidisciplinary approach. Sydney Eye Hospital, a quaternary referral centre, serves as a major hub for the management of complex ocular trauma.

This fellowship provides extensive exposure to all facets of ophthalmic trauma care, including primary globe repair, management of post-traumatic complications, secondary interventions and ocular reconstruction.

Fellows will work closely with consultants across multiple subspecialties—such as cornea, oculoplastic, glaucoma and vitreoretinal surgery—gaining valuable interdisciplinary experience in the holistic management of ocular trauma.

In addition to the clinical role, the position will involve developing trauma networks and ophthalmic emergency referral pathways, with a particular contribution to an innovative regional telehealth project ‘Tele-Vision’. The fellow will also play an active role in trauma data collection, teaching, and lead initiatives in trauma prevention and community awareness.

The fellowship is designed to complement existing subspecialty interests, equipping fellows with a distinctive area of clinical expertise and a credential that reflects advanced training in ophthalmic trauma.

The Corneal Fellows will work with the following surgeons:

- Dr James Leong (Vitreoretinal)
- Dr Alexander Hamilton (Cornea)
- Prof Stephanie Watson (Cornea)
- Dr Michael Davies (Oculoplastics)
- Dr Eamonn Fahy (Glaucoma)

Main Duties and Responsibilities
- Work as part of, and contribute to a multi-disciplinary team - Provide assistance to registrars in the day-to-day care of inpatients - Aid the Outpatient Clinic - Provide assistance to Acute Ophthalmic Service (AOS) <i>NOTE: AOS clinic provides follow-up for patients who have been referred from the Eye Emergency department. Participation in this clinic provides fellows with the opportunity to organise and triage their own subspecialty referrals, and to maintain their clinical skills in other ophthalmic subspecialties.</i> - Attend operating sessions (under the supervision of the attending Ophthalmologist) - Provide assistance to the Eye Emergency Department to assess ophthalmic problems and advise on care (under the supervision of the attending Ophthalmologist) - Attend all relevant Clinical Meetings - Participation in Grand Rounds and Ophthalmic Teaching Sessions - Participate in clinical and laboratory research activities - Participation in the Postgraduate Trauma teaching Program - Participation in Clinical Risk Management - Teaching and supervising of Ophthalmic Registrars/Residents in wards, clinics, operating - To remain on the on-call roster for after-hours (for duration of Fellowship) - To fulfil duties as outlined in the position description. - Compliance with all legislative, policy/protocol requirements in relation to SSEH. - Provide a report upon the completion of your Fellowship outlining your experience. - To exercise independent judgement initiative and problem-solving skills, in consultation with supervising medical staff as needed. - 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.
Main Goals and Objectives
- Develop strong working relationships with a multidisciplinary workforce. - Understand and be committed to organisational mission and goals. - Ensure a high standard of medical care and documentation for all patients. - Acquire the knowledge and skills required for critical assessment of the research literature and to become a productive clinical investigator.
Key Performance Areas
- The Fellow has a nominated Supervisor, Director of Ophthalmic Trauma Fellowship, who will undertake quarterly performance assessment and review. - This includes the assessment of clinical skills and knowledge base, clinical judgement, decision making, emergency skills, procedural skills, communication, teamwork and professional responsibility. We expect our Fellows by completion of the one-year fellowship to: - Gain expertise in managing serious ophthalmic trauma - Complete between 40-60 primary globe and eyelid repairs. - Develop competence in managing complications of ophthalmic trauma, secondary interventions and reconstruction. - Involved in developing awareness and prevention programs. - Acquire skills in research including preparing research findings for publication and presentation.

- Develop trauma network and referral pathways

Induction Training

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:

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

Indicative Fellow Timetable

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

Day	Time	Activity
Monday	AM	
	PM	
Tuesday	AM	
	PM	
Wednesday	AM	
	PM	Cornea Clinic (Hamilton)
Thursday	AM	Glaucoma (Fahy)
	PM	Oculoplastic Clinic (Davies)
Friday	AM	Vitreoretinal Clinic (Leong)
	PM	
Saturday	AM	

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Monday	AM	
	PM	
Tuesday	AM	
	PM	
Wednesday	AM	
	PM	Cornea Clinic (Watson)
Thursday	AM	OT (Fahy)
	PM	OT (Leong / Hamilton)
Friday	AM	Vitreoretinal Clinic (Leong)
	PM	
Saturday	AM	

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		
NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE