



Sydney & Sydney Eye Hospital

**Honorary
Eddie Donaldson
Vitreoretinal Fellowship**

**Position Description
(January - December)**

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 excellence, and for treating the highest number of acute and complex ophthalmic problems in NSW. The hospital is a centre for referrals from the Sydney metropolitan area and attracts 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.

Dr Edgar (Eddie) John Donaldson AO (1920 – 2000)

In 1952 Dr Edgar (Eddie) John Donaldson AO (1920-2000) started the Retinal Unit at Sydney Eye Hospital, when retinal detachment surgery was often a failure due to poor understanding and poor surgical techniques of the time. He reversed this trend and greatly improved the success rate of retinal detachment surgery. He was very active in the planning and rebuilding of the Sydney Eye Hospital at its former location in Woolloomooloo, incorporating adequate facilities to establish a Chair in Ophthalmology. Eddie was a Fellow of Sydney Eye Hospital Foundation and many of his grateful patients made significant Bequests to the Foundation in appreciation of the fine care and treatment given to them.

Position Details

Position Title:	Honorary Eddie Donaldson Vitreoretinal Fellowship
Reports To:	Director of Clinical Services and Unit Head
Responsible For (Staff)	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.
Division:	Clinical Services
Unit:	Ophthalmology
Award:	Funded externally by Sydney Eye Hospital Foundation with a stipend of \$55,000 PA
Location:	Sydney Eye Hospital/ Sydney Hospital is located on 8 Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000.

Fellowship Overview

Vitreoretinal Fellows will work with the following retinal surgeons:

- Clinical Prof. Andrew Chang
- Clinical Prof. I-Van Ho
- Prof. Matthew Simunovic
- Dr John A. Downie
- Dr Mark Gorbatov
- Dr James K.S. Leong

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
- Provide assistance to the Outpatient Clinic
NOTE: Over 50% of the fellowship is spent in the outpatient clinic working under the supervision of the Ophthalmologists.
- Provide assistance to Acute Ophthalmic Service (AOS)
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.
- 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 Teaching Program organised by the Retinal Unit.
- Participation in Clinical Risk Management.
- Teaching and supervising of Ophthalmic Registrars/Residents in wards, clinics, and the operating theatre.
- 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.
- Attend hospital wide medical and surgical grand rounds.
- Provide an appropriate handover to the next arriving Fellow.
- 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 to work as an independent and competent vitreoretinal specialist
- 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, The Head of the Retinal Unit, 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:

- Complete between 300-450 primary VR surgical cases in the year and to assist in further 300-400 cases. They will be competent in independently managing all retinal detachments (pneumatics, buckling and vitrectomy), complex retinal detachment, diabetic and macular surgery, secondary lens implantation, posterior segment inflammation and infection
- Be competent in small gauge vitrectomy, operating with contact and non-contact systems
- Be competent in intravitreal injections & retinal lasers
- Be competent in management of all medical retinal diseases and interpretation of ultrasounds, fluorescein and ICG angiography, autofluorescence and OCT.

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

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.

	Time	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Mon	AM	Clinic	Clinic	Clinic	Clinic
	PM	Theatre	Theatre	Theatre	Theatre
Tues	AM	Clinic	Clinic	Clinic	Clinic
	PM	Laser	Research	Research	Research
Weds	AM	Theatre	Theatre	Theatre	Theatre
	PM				
Thurs	AM	Clinic	Clinic	Clinic	Clinic
	PM	Theatre	Theatre	Theatre	Theatre
Fri	AM	Clinic	Clinic	Clinic	ADO
	PM	Theatre	Clinic (KPro)	Theatre	ADO

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

