

Position Description

Title	CATARACT FELLOW	Position Reports to	Head of Surgical Ophthalmology Services Director of Training (Ophthalmology) SOS Clinical Leads Director Medical Services
Classification	<i>To be confirmed</i>	Employment Status	Full Time Fixed Term
Enterprise Agreement	AMA Victoria – Victorian Public Health Sector - Doctors in Training Enterprise Agreement 2022-2026 (“DiT Agreement”)		

As Australia’s only specialist eye, ear, nose and throat hospital, The Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital’s (the Eye and Ear) has been providing care for the senses for 150 years. The Eye and Ear has over 50 different outpatient clinics for the diagnosis, monitoring and treatment of vision and hearing loss and provides a 24 hour emergency eye and ear, nose, and throat service. The Eye and Ear provides care annually for around 250,000 patients, with over 200,000 outpatients, nearly 40,000 emergency patients and over 14,000 inpatients.

Vision Mission And Guiding Principles

Our focus is on providing the very best patient care possible. We strive to apply new and effective models of care, invest in research and training and share our knowledge to improve eye and ear health.

Our Vision

We will inspire and advance specialist eye and ENT care

Our Mission

We improve health and wellbeing outcomes through excellence in:

1. Clinical Care
2. Teaching
3. Education
4. Research
5. Innovation

Guiding Principles

1. **Integrity** – We act ethically, accept personal accountability, communicate openly and honestly and treat everyone with trust and respect.
2. **Inclusive and Accessible Care** – We are compassionate, thoughtful and responsive to the needs of our consumers
3. **Collaboration** – We communicate openly, respect diversity of views and skills, and work effectively with partners and in multidisciplinary teams to deliver optimal outcomes
4. **Excellence** – We give our personal best at all times, deliver exemplary care and experience, monitor performance, and seek continuous improvement through innovation.

Please read our full Strategic Plan here:

https://www.eyeandear.org.au/page/About_Us/Our_Publications_and_DVDs/

The Eye and Ear is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to providing a work environment that is free from harassment or discrimination and promotes inclusion, equity, diversity and cultural awareness in the workplace. The Eye and Ear is a smoke free environment.

Position Summary:

To provide high quality services to Ophthalmology patients, whilst obtaining advanced graduate training in the area of Cataract. The position also provides unpaid time for research activities to be undertaken.

Approximately 90% of the time will be spent on clinical responsibilities. This includes all aspects of cataract surgery, including preoperative assessment, surgical workup and planning, surgery, and post-operative management.

The Fellowship has strong clinical and research components and provides an opportunity for comprehensive training in the fields of Cataract. The Fellows are expected to actively undertake research and are expected to be involved in education and supervision of junior trainees.

The Cataract Fellow participates in the Emergency Medicine roster with hours ranging from 0745 to 2200 across a 7 day period.

Key Responsibilities / Performance Outcomes:

1. Provide high quality standards of patient care. This includes assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation of care in collaboration with patients, carers and a multidisciplinary team.
2. Work within an ethically and legally sound framework. Ensure that the delivery of clinical services within the Department is in line with best evidence based practice and the National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards (NSQHSS).
3. Information Technology (IT) skills that are commensurate with the requirements of the role.
4. To develop and refine skills needed to become an effective medical educator to train medical students, allied health staff, residents, registrars, and to provide professional development for colleagues.
5. To develop subspecialty expertise in planning and execution of cataract surgery.
6. To develop subspecialty expertise in the management of routine and complex cataract cases and associated conditions including performing advanced anterior segment procedures involving cataract, intraocular lens, and iris anomalies.
7. To develop expertise in and to participate in the design, implementation, and publication of clinical and or basic science research in cataract and anterior segment disease.

8. Involvement in a variety of quality improvement committees and activities.
9. To gain insight and develop a working knowledge of practice management and to prepare for practice in a tertiary level academic setting.
10. Management of hospital inpatients, including ward rounds.
11. Attendance at Emergency Department (admitting officer duties when rostered), Surgical Ophthalmology Service Clinics, Acute Ophthalmology Services Clinic and Operating Theatre as rostered by Medical Services.
12. There may be a requirement to work at one of the Eye and Ear satellite services within Greater Melbourne.
13. Provision of on-call service as rostered for patients of the Surgical Ophthalmology Service and its consultants.

Quality, Patient Safety And Risk Management

Ensure utilisation of systems designed to support quality, safety & risk management. This involves:

- Providing care that is patient and family-centred and delivered in partnership with the patient and their carer.
- Developing and maintaining your skills and competencies relevant to your clinical scope of practice.
- Having an understanding of working within your role and responsibilities outlined in the Eye and Ear Quality Clinical Governance Framework to deliver safe high quality and person-centred experience and care.
- Participating in reporting and analysis of safety and quality data including risks or hazards.
- Participating in improvement activities.
- Participating in the reporting and analysis of quality initiatives, adverse events and risk identification.
- Participating in appropriate professional development activities and other quality and safety training.
- Participating in health service activities required for accreditation.
- Ensuring appropriate use of hospital resources.
- Demonstrate awareness of the financial requirements of the department and demonstrate an awareness of cost effective practice.
- Actively participate in the annual performance development cycle.

Occupational Health And Safety

The Eye and Ear endeavours to provide a working environment for its employees that is safe and without risk to health. Employees are required to:

- Perform their work with due regard for their own safety and health and for the safety and health of other people who may be affected by their acts or omissions.

- Actively promote and demonstrate the organisational values of integrity, care, excellence and teamwork.
- Participate in wellness@work initiatives.
- Report any hazards, near miss and incidents (regardless of whether an injury occurred or not) via the Victorian Health Incident Management System (VHIMS) Riskman.
- Understand and adhere to emergency procedures.
- Actively discourage and where possible call out inappropriate behaviour that may pose a safety risk to others.
- Participate actively in return to work programs if injured, and supporting injured colleagues in their return to work.
- All clinical practitioners involved in medication management have an obligation to practice within legislation, the Poisons Control Plan, hospital policy and procedures.
- The requirement for Advance Life Support training will be determined for nursing and medical staff working in specific departments based on acuity.

Selection Criteria: Qualifications, Experience And Competencies

	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •MBBS or equivalent degree enabling registration with the Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency (AHPRA) 	
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Completion of years 1 to 4 of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists (RANZCO) training program or equivalent •Successful completion of the RANZCO Advanced Clinical Exams (RACE) or equivalent. 	
Competencies		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Basic Life Support (BLS) certification

Key Working Relationships

Internal

- Head of the Surgical Ophthalmology Service (SOS)
- Clinical Leads SOS
- Director Medical Services
- Manager Medical Workforce
- Director Emergency Department
- JMS Coordinator
- Medical, Nursing & Allied Health Support Staff
- Service Departments (Theatres, Clinics, Emergency, Surgical Bookings Unit, Pharmacy and HIS)

External

- Centre for Eye Research Australia (CERA)
- University of Melbourne
- Referring Doctors
- General Practitioners

staff are required to have a satisfactory National Criminal Record Check. Direct patient care/clinical employees are required to have a valid Working With Children Check.

Author of Position Description or Manager of Position:

Name Dr Birinder Giddey, Executive Director Medical Services

Date April 2025

The Eye and Ear reserves the right to modify this position description as required. The employee will be consulted when this occurs. Statements included in this position description are intended to reflect the duties and responsibilities of this position and are not to be interpreted as being all-inclusive.

Agreement

I have read, understood and agree to comply with the position description.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____