

Specialist Dentist (Level 2)

Oral Medicine

Title: Specialist Dentist	Reporting to: Head of Unit, Oral Medicine	
Portfolio: Royal Dental Hospital Melbourne (RDHM) Program: Oral Medicine	Direct reports: NA	
Enterprise Agreement:	Specialists Dentists and Specialists Dentists in Training Dental Health Services Victoria Enterprise Agreement 2024 - 2028	
Classification:	SPO2	
Employment Type:	Full time/Part time/Sessional/Casual	
Key Stakeholders:	Internal: Clinical and operational leads RDHM Quality & Safety team Transformation team People & Culture, Safety & Wellbeing DHSV corporate Universities, Community Dental Agencies	External: Patients/Consumers Families / Carers Students and university staff Department of Family Fairness and Housing/Case Workers

Position Purpose

As part of the Oral Medicine team within the Royal Dental Hospital of Melbourne (RDHM), this role is responsible for providing specialist dental care within the scope of publicly funded dental service, including patients with disabilities and complex medical histories.

This role independently undertakes advanced clinical procedures appropriate to the specialty (Oral Medicine). The specialist dentist also acts as a consultant in relation to the specialty and liaises closely with other clinical services and service providers.

Our organisation

The Royal Dental Hospital of Melbourne is Victoria's leading oral health teaching institution. With over 130 years serving the community, RDHM stands as a beacon for oral healthcare in Victoria. In partnership with the University of Melbourne, RMIT and La Trobe University, we provide students with their earliest practical training. RDHM is funded and administered by Dental Health Services Victoria and accountable to the Victorian Minister for Health – Victorian Government.

Our Values

Respect | Accountable | Collaboration | Transform

Role Accountabilities: What you are accountable for

Patient Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake advanced clinical procedures appropriate to the specialty independently, only occasionally requiring support. • Respond to referrals and advice sought within the specialty from dentists both internally and externally. • Provides professional support and advice to Specialist Dentists in Training, dentists and less experienced colleagues. • Provides mentoring and education to general dentists and training support to undergraduate students in procedures applicable to their specialty. • Provide direct, quality patient care in accordance with DHSV clinical standards and policies. • Manage patients within competency and experience levels as defined by the DHSV Credentials & Clinical Privileges Policy and as assessed by regular record audit. • Maintain and process patient records in accordance with DHSV Clinical Record Standards and the Health Records Act 2002. • Undertake clinical direction and support of specialists in training, dentists, dental auxiliaries, where appropriate. • Adhere to DHSV Clinical Incident & Complaint Reporting Policies, ensuring DHSV Infection Control and DHSV Occupational Health & Safety Policies and Procedures are followed. • Other duties as requested within scope of role.
Generic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate and promote a proactive commitment to health & safety, wellbeing and the environment by actively participating in the ongoing identification of risks. • Maintain patient privacy and confidentiality in accordance with organisational procedures and policies. • Participate in myDevelopment ensuring goals are signed off and reviewed • Model behaviours that demonstrate the Victorian Public Health Sector and DHSV values in all aspects of work. • Maintain a commitment to child safety, equity and inclusion, and cultural safety • Adhere to the DHSV Child Safety Framework and Code of Conduct and all other child safe policies and procedures.
<p>Value Based Health Care</p> <p>DHSV is committed to the principals with the aim of managing the increasing demand for public dental services and achieving the best outcomes from the care we provide. Our VBHC framework guides how we work in a team to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Be a person-centred system based on what people need ○ Provide the right services, by the right person, at the right time, in the right location ○ Achieve the best outcomes at the lowest cost ○ Integrate care across separate facilities ○ Measure outcomes and costs for every client 	

Health & Safety

Take reasonable care of, and cooperate with actions taken to protect the health, safety and wellbeing of yourself and others.

Follow safe work practices and directions, including the proper use of any personal protective equipment.

Report any hazards, incidents and injuries to your supervisor or manager and enter into VHIMS.

Quality, Compliance & Risk Management

At RDHM we all work together to deliver world class, high quality, safe and integrated oral health care that improves patient outcomes by fulfilling our safety and quality roles. We achieve this by:

- Working within the RDHM Quality and Safety systems.
- Supporting RDHM in continuously improving care. We look for opportunities to improve in everything we do. Once identified we plan, implement, and evaluate improvements with the goal to improve the quality and safety of care provided.
- Providing safe, integrated, appropriate and patient centred care.

Diversity & Inclusion

By all contributing to being an inclusive workplace, we can be a workplace where everyone can feel like they belong.

- Recognise and appreciate the unique and different perspectives that each individual brings to the team.
- Challenge assumptions and stereotypes and actively contribute to an environment where everyone feels respected and included.
- Respect all ideas and people so that we can create an environment where everyone feels seen, heard, and valued. Inclusive teams are better teams and are integral to our success.

Privacy

The Privacy Act regulates how we collect and handle personal information, including health information. Keep all health information (any information about a person's health or disability, and any information that relates to a health service they have received or will receive) confidential and do not remove it from RDHM. This includes patient scans and photographs. If your role includes reviewing complaints or complaint information, this information is confidential and not to be recorded within the dental record.

Your Knowledge, Skills and Experience**Knowledge and Skills****Mandatory**

- Specialist qualification recognised with AHPRA.
- Knowledge in the management of dental public health programs.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills and the ability to liaise effectively with all stakeholders' levels.

Desirable

- Knowledge of DHSV and public oral health.

Experience**Mandatory**

- Experience in treating clients with special needs and disabilities.
- Experience in providing clinical leadership and supervising clinical staff.
- Not less than 1 year's experience in the relevant specialist after obtaining the higher qualification.

Desirable

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience in a public health sector environment. • Experience in using a patient management system e.g., Titanium.
Qualifications, Certifications and Other Requirements	
Qualifications, Certifications	Specialist qualification recognised with AHPRA Current Basic Life Support certification
Other Requirements	Satisfactory Working with Children's Check (Vic) and Police Check Vaccination requirements as required by the Department of Health guidelines and Category A per Staff Immunisation Procedure.
Competencies	
Behavioural Competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gaining Commitment Customer Focus Building Trust Decision Making Planning and Organising Collaboration Aligning Performance for Success Continuous Improvement Coaching Quality Orientation
Role Location	This role is based on site

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