

## **FLINDERS HEAD AND NECK SURGICAL FELLOWSHIP**

This is an international fellowship in head and neck surgery based at Flinders Medical Centre, Australia. The Flinders fellowship programme has been running successfully since 2006.

Flinders Medical Centre (FMC) is a 580-bed tertiary referral public teaching hospital co-located with Flinders University and Flinders Private Hospital. The Otolaryngology unit at FMC receives and manages a large number of tertiary referrals for head and neck cancer and benign conditions. The Head and Neck team consists of three Otolaryngology Head and Neck fellowship trained surgeons, Professor Simon Carney (Head of the Unit), Dr Eng Ooi and Dr Anthony Morley as well as a multi-disciplinary team of Plastic and Reconstructive surgeons, Dental and Oral Medicine specialists, Radiation and Medical Oncologists, Palliative care specialists, Speech pathologists, Dietetics, Social worker, Radiologists and Pathologists.

There is exposure to major benign and malignant head and neck surgery, advanced transoral laser and coblation techniques and advanced endoscopic skull base surgery. Certified course education in microvascular reconstruction is available through the Plastic and Reconstructive team. There is also potential to observe transoral robotic surgery at the Royal Adelaide Hospital. Participation in external beam and intensity modulated radiotherapy planning is available.

Duration of Fellowship: 12 months commencing July 1 every year (unless varied by prior arrangement in selected circumstances).

Fellow responsibilities: During the 12 months the fellow will actively participate in the diagnostic work-up and management of head and neck patients, including surgical and non-surgical pathways. Currently the fellow has access to more than 18 operating sessions every 4 weeks for elective and emergency cases. There are also weekly multidisciplinary head and neck cancer clinics, radiology, thyroid and histopathology meetings. The fellow is expected to attend voice and swallowing clinics (fortnightly). The Otolaryngology unit has an active academic program with twice-weekly formal teaching sessions, monthly audits, journal club's and research meetings. The fellow is expected to be involved in the annual international coblation surgical course held at FMC and will have opportunities to present lectures at grand rounds and scientific meetings.

The fellow is expected to take a leadership role in the team that includes 2 Otolaryngology registrars, 1 resident/Senior House Officer and 1 Intern/Junior House Officer and the day-to-day running of the unit, which may include general otolaryngology cases and clinics. The fellow is expected to be actively involved in the teaching and academic development of the Otolaryngology registrars, residents and medical students.

Research: The fellow is expected to actively participate in research. This includes clinical and molecular biology based research depending on the interests of the fellow. The unit has a large tissue bank available for rhinology and head and neck research. The FMC Otolaryngology unit has an active interest in basic science and clinical research with over

\$1.5M in research funding. We expect fellows to publish at least two scientific papers during their year with the unit and present at both Australian and International scientific meetings. Discretionary funding is available for attending courses, educational travel and research purposes. Several of our previous fellows have published up to 5 papers and obtained consultant positions at academic Centres in the UK, Belgium and Australia after the fellowship.

FMC: Adelaide is the capital city of South Australia. FMC is 15 kms drive from the CBD and is close to the popular Glenelg beach. FMC is close to the famous wine growing regions McLaren Vale and Adelaide Hills. FMC is also unique in South Australia as it provides care to patients of all ages.

On-call: Commitment for the fellow is to take second on call from Monday - Thursday for the junior registrar or resident/SHO on a 1 in 2 basis and first on call on some occasions. No weekend on-call is required currently but the fellow is expected to share weekend ward round responsibilities with the other members of the unit, generally on a 1 in 3 basis.

Salary: According to the South Australian Medical Officers Award/Enterprise agreement. This is approximately AUD \$100-120K including overtime payments.

Minimum Requirements: Eligible for registration as a medical practitioner in South Australia. Possess a FRACS or equivalent completion of specialist Otolaryngology training, a track record in research (at least 2 peer reviewed publications) and evidence of excellent communication skills.

Applications should include a covering letter, CV and the names and e-mail addresses of 3 referees. Personal interviews are strongly encouraged.

Applications close by August 30<sup>th</sup> of the preceding year of the fellowship and successful applicants will be notified by the end of September.

Applications to Professor Simon Carney (Head of unit): [simoncarney@me.com](mailto:simoncarney@me.com) or Dr Eng Ooi (surgical training supervisor) [eooi.entsurgery@gmail.com](mailto:eooi.entsurgery@gmail.com)