

Sexual Health Medicine Physician

This position description is subject to review from time to time.

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Section A

- POSITION:** Sexual Health Medicine Physician, Sexual Health
- REPORTS TO:** Clinical Director, Sexual Health
- SERVICE:** Christchurch Sexual Health Service, Health NZ Te Whatu Ora, Te Waipounamu, Waitaha Canterbury
- LOCATION:** 314 Riccarton Road, Christchurch

Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora is firmly grounded in the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and is committed to building a health system that serves all New Zealanders

Vision of Waitaha Canterbury Health: "Working Together for the Best Health and Well-Being of the People of Waitaha Canterbury"

Section B

PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES OF POSITION

To provide best practice sexual health care for patients attending the Christchurch Sexual Health Service and regional specialist support to other health providers of Waitaha Canterbury and Te Waipounamu.

FUNCTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

- **Internally** Health New Zealand – Te Whatu Ora Waitaha Canterbury employees, operations manager, staff at the Sexual Health Service and other Canterbury Health Hospital and Community based health care workers as required.
 - **Externally** As required with patients, whanau and caregivers, other health care providers, Primary Care providers, referring agencies, community groups and stakeholder NGOs, Tertiary education providers e.g. University of Otago and Christchurch School of Medicine staff.
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Section C

□ KEY TASKS AND RESULT AREAS

(1) Clinical Practice

Scope: Sexual Health Medicine is the specialised area of practice concerned with healthy sexual relations, freedom from STIs, unplanned pregnancy, coercion or discomfort. It involves a dual clinical & public health approach addressing individual wellbeing and population-level health

Approach: To improve the sexual health outcomes of the individual and the community by identifying and minimising sexual health issues through clinical service provision, education, behaviour change, advocacy, screening, surveillance and research as outlined in the RACP, Adult Medicine Division, Australasian Chapter of Sexual Health Medicine scope of practice.

Focus: World Health Organisation key populations

Multidisciplinary: The Sexual Health Medicine Physician will work collaboratively within a multidisciplinary team

- Conduct outpatient clinic duties as rostered.
- Interdepartmental referral and consultation with relevant clinical services as indicated.
- Clinical supervision, support and oversight of non-specialist clinicians within the service.
- Provide specialist consultation and clinical support for other health providers of Waitaha Canterbury and Te Waipounamu.

(2) Administrative

- Maintain clinical documentation, clinical coding and answer all correspondence in an efficient manner according to service standards.
- Attendance and participation in department meetings as required.

(3) Quality Improvement

Participate in clinical audit practices within the service and improve and maintain competency through peer and literature review.

(4) Other Duties

Undertake other duties as reasonably requested by the Clinical Director or General Manager - Christchurch Hospital from time to time including but not limited to e.g., undergraduate / post graduate teaching, STBBI related working groups.

▪ Expected Results

All duties required to be performed are done so in a competent and effective manner, consistent with the policies, procedures, aims and objectives of Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora – Waitaha Canterbury District, and in accordance with the guidelines set down by the Sexual Health Service and relevant national guidelines.

Section D

HOURS OF WORK

This is a 0.8 FTE position equivalent to 32 hours per week, Monday to Friday (days of work to be confirmed).

Section E

LIMITATIONS OF AUTHORITY

Situations with resource or financial implications for the department are discussed and agreed with the Clinical Director.

Issues with direct impact on Canterbury Health Limited are communicated to the Clinical Director.

Section F

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Position Title:

- Sexual Health Physician, Christchurch Sexual Health Service, Waitaha Canterbury.

Qualifications required:

- Qualifications recognised for vocational registration with the Medical Council of New Zealand as a Sexual Health Medicine Physician.
- Current Annual Practising Certificate.

Professional memberships required:

- If vocationally registered, then the appropriate college or organisation.

Experience required:

- Postgraduate medical experience.

Experience desired:

- Experience and knowledge of working in sexual health medicine, the medical practice concerned with healthy sexual relations, including freedom from sexually transmissible and blood borne infections. e.g. syphilis, HIV, unplanned pregnancy, coercion and physical or psychological discomfort associated with sexuality.

Other skills required:

- Be able to work under pressure and prioritise a heavy clinical workload.
- Have excellent written and oral communication skills.

