Neonatology | Community Health | Mental Health | Perth Children's Hospital

Senior Sonographer

Position details

Position Number: 00012064

Classification: HSO Level P2

Agreement: Health Salaried Officers Agreement

Directorate: Operations - Service Unit 3 - Surgical

Department: Medical Imaging

Location: Perth Children's Hospital, QEII Campus, Nedlands

Reporting relationships

This position reports to:

00012060 Deputy Chief Medical Imaging Technology P4

Key Responsibility

 Works as part of a multidisciplinary team to provide comprehensive Diagnostic Ultrasound services to patients. Practises as a Sonographer in accordance with the Australian Sonography Accreditation Registry (ASAR) standards and CAHS policies and guidelines.

Compassion Excellence Collaboration Accountability Equity Respect

About our health service

The Child and Adolescent Health Service (CAHS) is a comprehensive service that supports and treats children from around Western Australia, and is committed to programs that promote lifelong health in children and adolescents.

CAHS is made up of four service streams:

- **Neonatology:** Neonatology provides state-wide tertiary neonatal services to the sickest newborn babies and infants in Western Australia.
- Community Health: a comprehensive range of community based early identification and intervention services, as well as health promotion, to children and families in the Perth metropolitan area. Services are provided in a variety of settings including at home, local community health centres, child and parent centres and schools.
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS): provide mental health services to infants, children, young people and their families across the Perth metropolitan area. Services include community based programs, inpatient care at Perth Children's Hospital and specialised services for children with complex mental health conditions across the State.
- Perth Children's Hospital (PCH): is the specialist State-wide paediatric hospital and trauma centre for Western Australia, caring for children up to the age of 16. PCH is also a centre of excellence for teaching and research, partnering in major paediatric research and education initiatives led by the Telethon Kids Institute (TKI) and the State's universities.

Our vision

Healthy kids, healthy communities

Our vision of 'healthy kids, healthy communities' sees that children and young people get the best start in life through health promotion, early identification and intervention and patient centred, family-focused care.

Our objectives



Care for children, young people and families



Provide high-value healthcare



Collaborate with our key support partners



Value and respect our people



Promote teaching, training and research

Our values drive us

CAHS promotes a values based workplace culture and all employees are expected to translate our values into action by providing high quality care through:

Compassion

I treat others with empathy and kindness

Excellence

I take pride
in what I do,
strive to learn and
ensure exceptional
service every
time

Collaboration

I work together with others to learn and continuously improve our service

Accountability

I take responsibility for my actions and do what I say I will

Equity

I am inclusive, respect diversity and aim to overcome disadvantage

Respect

I value others and treat others as I wish to be treated

Summary of accountabilities

1. Clinical

- Performs routine and specialised ultrasound examinations and assist the radiologist with complex scanning techniques and interventional procedures.
- Interprets ultrasound images and evaluates the adequacy of the ultrasound examination and the need for further investigation.
- Provide consultancy and advice to clinical staff on ultrasound images and procedures.
- Supports and liaises with patients, colleagues, medical, nursing, allied health, support staff to provide coordinated multidisciplinary care.
- Undertakes responsibility for the welfare, privacy and security of the patient.
- Participates in the maintenance and care of imaging and associated equipment.
- Undertakes clinical shifts in the Department/Unit at the direction of the Head of Department/Manager/Coordinator including participation on the on-call/after hours/weekend roster if required.

2. Education/Training/Research

- Participates in the supervision of Sonography students as required.
- Maintains knowledge of relevant legislation, protocols, procedures and trends.
- Evaluates new techniques with a view to introduction as routine processes and initiates and participates in approved research and quality assurance and quality improvement processes.

3. CAHS governance, integrity, safety and quality requirements

- Commits to undertake the duties of the role in accordance with the WA Health Code of Conduct; the CAHS Vision and Values; and CAHS commitment to protecting children and promoting their safety.
- Maintains a safe work environment by taking reasonable care for own health and safety and that of others.
- Undertakes duties to an agreed performance standard to support safe, high-quality health care with a focus on continual improvement, efficiency, effectiveness and sustainability.
- Directly or indirectly supports the delivery of safe patient care and the consumers' experience ensuring services are family centred.
- Contributes to continuous quality improvement activities by identifying, facilitating or
 participating in practices in accordance with the requirements of the National Safety and
 Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards, health service strategic direction and the WA
 Public Sector.
- Completes mandatory and core requirement training as relevant to the role and service.
- Performs duties in accordance with WA Public Sector, WA Health, CAHS and other specific service policies and procedures and applicable legislative obligations under *Public Sector*

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- Management Act (WA) 1994, Health Services Act (WA) 2016, Work Health and Safety Act (WA) 2020, Disability Services Act (WA) 1993 and the Equal Opportunity Act (WA) 1984.
- Actively contributes to the development of the health service by undertaking other duties as directed including additional tasks or projects in line with continual improvement, collaboration and sustainable health initiatives.

Work related requirements

The following criteria should be considered in the context of the CAHS Vision, Objectives and Values.

Essential selection criteria

- 1. Tertiary qualification in a related health/science field with an ASAR accredited qualification in sonography and listed on the Australian Sonography Accreditation Registry (ASAR) as an accredited medical sonographer in the relevant field.
- 2. Demonstrated considerable knowledge and experience in Sonography.
- 3. Demonstrated awareness and appreciation of patient care procedures.
- 4. Demonstrated high level interpersonal, communication (written and verbal) and negotiation skills including the ability to liaise effectively with patients and individuals.
- 5. Demonstrated ability to diagnose imaging equipment faults and failures.
- 6. Current knowledge of legislative obligations for Equal Opportunity, Disability Services and Work, Health and Safety, and how these impact on employment and service delivery.

Desirable selection criteria

- 1. Completion or progress toward a relevant post-graduate qualification in a relevant clinical area.
- Demonstrated experience in paediatric ultrasound imaging.
- 3. Knowledge of current clinical governance systems.

Appointment to this position is subject to the following:

- Evidence of listing on the Australian Sonographer Accreditation Registry (ASAR) as an accredited medical sonographer in the relevant field.
- Working with Children (WWC) Check, compulsory check for people who carry out childrelated work in Western Australia.
- Provision of the minimum identity proofing requirements in line with the standards set by the National Security Strategy.
- Successful criminal record screening clearance.
- Successful pre-employment integrity check.
- Successful pre-employment health assessment.

Certification

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I verify that the details in this document are an accurate reflection of the requirements of the position.

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Manager / Supervisor Signature or HE Number Date

As an Occupant of this position, I have noted the statement of duties, responsibilities and other requirements as detailed in this document.

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