

JOINT PUNCTURE & SOFT TISSUE INJECTIONS CLINICAL ATTACHMENTS



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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In collaboration with universities, teaching hospitals and specialist private clinics, the HealthCert clinical attachments program provides GPs with a comprehensive range of medical, surgical and clinical support training. Participants will have the unique opportunity to enhance their knowledge of procedures in dedicated treatment facilities by observing and questioning experts – this may include all aspects of treatment including initial consultations and patient treatment options as well as surgical procedures, use of equipment and patient follow-ups.

LOCATION



AUSTRALIAN OSTEOARTHRITIS CLINIC, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

Australian Osteoarthritis Clinic is the home of the Melbourne Stem Cell Research Centre, situated in the inner eastern suburbs of Melbourne. It is a purpose-built musculoskeletal clinic with a state of the art onsite laboratory and procedure room. The staff have a range of qualifications including musculoskeletal physicians, scientists, research nurses and highly trained administration staff.

Australian Osteoarthritis clinic provides an extensive range of services for patients who are dealing with the pain and loss of mobility associated with osteoarthritis. It is at the forefront of best practice treatment for osteoarthritis and all treatment is provided with the best available scientific evidence.

PROGRAM OUTLINE

In a two- or five-day clinical attachment program, observe clinical activities, medical services and treatments including joint puncture and soft tissue injections and activities related to your special interest, including musculoskeletal and sports medicine. Shadow musculoskeletal specialist Associate Professor Julien Feitag and his colleagues at the purpose-built Australian Osteoarthritis Clinic in Box Hill, Victoria.

- Observation of clinic activities, medical services and treatments, including joint puncture and soft tissue injections.
- Activities related to the special interests of the practitioner (musculoskeletal and/or sports medicine).

PROGRAM DELIVERY

General practitioners can apply for a two-day or five-day program where they will experience first-hand the day-to-day operations and interactions of a leading musculoskeletal facility. Participants will further develop their clinical knowledge by observing specialists, participating in case discussions and asking questions on all aspects of treatment and patient care.

Please note that specific procedures are not guaranteed due to the nature of clinical work and the type of patients seen on certain days.

For practitioners who have paid for five days, these can be spread over a maximum of four weeks, but as the clinic only runs full theatre lists on Mondays and Thursdays, these are the only suitable days.

The hosting facility will provide day time activities from 7am - 4pm on Monday - Thursday only.

YOUR SUPERVISORS



A/Prof Julien Freitag

Associate Professor Julien Freitag is an experienced musculoskeletal specialist and is a fellow of the Australasian College of Sport and Exercise Physicians. His practice is focused on the active management of musculoskeletal conditions including osteoarthritis and tendinopathy. A/Prof Freitag is an authority in the area of clinical regenerative musculoskeletal medicine and has published a number of articles, including those in peer-reviewed international journals. He has published articles relating to key topics of regenerative medicine and osteoarthritis management. A/Prof Freitag is a frequent contributor, and invited speaker, at local and international conferences. He is the Principal Clinical Investigator in a number of world leading research projects in the area of conservative management of osteoarthritis. He is a member of the International Cartilage Repair Society and the Australasian Society of Stem Cell Research.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

The clinical attachment program is aimed at qualified general practitioners with a clinical interest in musculoskeletal and/or sports medicine, or joint puncture and soft tissue injection.

IMPORTANT DATES

Medical professionals must submit their application with their preferred dates at least one month prior to the program commencement date. HealthCert will contact the facility and arrange for the placement of the applicant at the host facility. Participants must commence the program at the latest six months after their application has been accepted.

TRAVEL & STAY

Participants are expected to independently organise and fund their travel and accommodation throughout the program.

CPD POINTS AND CERTIFICATION

For members of the RACGP who wish to qualify for Category 1 CPD points certain records must be kept and session summaries completed. These activities are considered as a Supervised Clinical Attachment activity which is self-submitted. HealthCert will provide a Certificate of Clinical Attachment to confirm completion of the activity.

INVESTMENT AND PAYMENT OPTIONS

General Practitioner Fees	
\$2,995 Two-day program	\$4,995 Five-day program



The structured clinical attachment has provided an excellent first-hand experience and insight. It is a well-organised program which has afforded me good practical experience in this expanding area of medical practice. Thoroughly recommended.

– Dr A. McIntosh, VIC –

