Medical Registrar

Family Planning Victoria is a leading, not for profit, state-wide provider of reproductive and sexual health care, education and advocacy. Governed by a voluntary board of directors, we have been providing health services in Victoria for over 40 years.

We provide a range of services which are accessible, culturally relevant and responsive to the needs of the diverse Victorian community. These services include clinical care as well as education and training to help build the capacity of educators and health care professionals working in the reproductive and sexual health sector.

The registrar extended skills post is suitable for registrars who have completed GPT2 and is a 6-month position. Each registrar will attend the theory component of FPAA National Certificate in Reproductive and Sexual Health for Doctors in their first week and sit the examination. This course is provided free to our registrar (usual cost $2441 in 2018), who will also be paid for normal working hours over the course of the week. The registrar will then be required to work across both FPV sites (Box Hill and CBD). Working hours will be by negotiation and within a service span of hours between 8am-6pm Monday to Friday. The registrar will gain broad clinical experience in reproductive and sexual health issues within a supported environment with weekly tutorial time included. IUD insertion training is an extra option which registrars can take up during their post. Each registrar will also be given the opportunity to complete the clinical requirement to obtain their FPAA National Certificate in Reproductive and Sexual Health.

Registrars will develop knowledge and skills in integrated reproductive and sexual health of high relevance to the general practice environment. This includes contraception, STI screening and management, cervical screening, management of menstrual symptoms and pregnancy choices for unintended pregnancy including medication termination of pregnancy. Registrars studying for their FRACGP Fellowship exam are supported with supervisors who are experienced GPs.

Applications for the following year registrar posts (two posts available starting February and two posts available starting August each year) are accepted prior to interviews in May or early June each year. Posts are full time but applications for part time posts will be considered. Please send your CV (include two referees with phone, mobile and email contacts) and a supporting letter addressing your interest in the registrar position and each key selection criteria to:

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or for further details, contact Dr Mountford on T/ 03 9257 0129.

Applications for 2019 posts are now open, and close on Monday 7th May 2018 at 9am.
Key selection criteria for registrar position

1. Experience in reproductive and sexual health and/or gynaecological procedures.

2. Ability to work with patients from socioeconomic disadvantaged groups.

3. Excellent written and oral communication skills, as well as highly developed interpersonal skills.

4. Potential to use skills gained at Family Planning Victoria in the future.

Family Planning Victoria offers an invaluable Extended Skills experience. The diversity of clinical encounters and learning opportunities in the areas of sexual and reproductive health are vast. As an established training organisation the standard of teaching and quality of the placement is extremely high. Whatever your learning needs or aims they will be supported and met. This could include, but is not limited to, training in IUD insertion, Implanon insertion and MS-2-Step and completion of the FPAA National Certificate in Reproductive & Sexual Health for Doctors. I immensely enjoyed my time at Family Planning Victoria and will continue to find the skills I have learnt useful. 2017 Registrar

I would highly recommend the extended skills program at Family Planning Victoria to any GP registrar who has a special interest in women’s/sexual health, or feel they need a knowledge booster in this area. During the rotation, I was trained in IUD insertion, Implanon and MS2 step training which has provided the skills to continue using in my current practice. The week-long course at the start of the rotation was invaluable. The team at FPV are all very supportive and provide a wonderful learning environment. This rotation has provided me with skills and knowledge that I will be able to use for the rest of my medical career. I would highly recommend this rotation. 2016-17 Registrar

My extended skills term at FPV has by far been the most enjoyable term of my training so far. It was a privilege to work with doctors passionate in the field of Reproductive and Sexual Health, and to further my training and knowledge in this area. Completing the 5 day course as part of the National Certificate in Reproductive and Sexual Health for Doctors before starting the term set me up in good stead for the 6 months that followed. I was supported in upskilling my procedural skills, and left FPV fully qualified in Mirena and Implanon insertion. The teaching, supervision and support are excellent. 2016 Registrar

I thoroughly enjoyed my extended skills term at FPV. Having had registrars working with them for many years, the process of settling in to the role was very smooth and straightforward, and the team was great to work with. I found the Doctors Course extremely useful as a base from which to then consolidate my knowledge with 6 further months of focused training. I left feeling confident in managing most sexual and reproductive issues arising in the community, which will be invaluable for my future work as a GP. 2015-16 Registrar

I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to complete my Extended Skills post through Family Planning Victoria. I can honestly say I use the skills that I learnt at FPV every day in General Practice. This is a great rotation to broaden your knowledge in the sexual and reproductive health field in a supportive environment. 2014-15 Registrar

An extended-skills post at Family Planning Victoria (FPV) was an excellent way to finish my GP training. Having completed a Diploma of Obstetrics in my resident years, the relevant and
specialised training in contraception, primary health gynaecology and sexual health perfectly complemented my previous experience. The post also allows you to upskill in procedural skills including Intrauterine device (IUD) and Implanon insertion. FPV also provides excellent supervision and education including supporting you to complete the Certificate of Sexual and Reproductive Health during the term. There’s not a day that I don’t use the knowledge and skills learnt during my term and I highly recommend the rotation to interested registrars. 2014 FPV Registrar

Undertaking an extended skills post as a Registrar is an invaluable way to set yourself up for your future as a GP. Completing this at FPV afforded me a chance to up skill in the vast field of Reproductive and Sexual Health, which as GPs we know affects all facets of the biopsychosocial model of health. I have been able to learn from knowledgeable GPs, Nurses and Specialists in the area, and particularly as a male who usually lacks this exposure in GP land, it has imbued me with handy tips, familiarity and lifelong skills to manage common and complex Sexual Health conditions. 2013-14 Registrar

This was a great rotation for developing breadth of skills relevant to general practice. As well as giving valuable experience in sexual health and family planning, working at FPV gave me much more exposure to working with adolescents. The teaching and support from clinical staff was excellent, and I would recommend the rotation to any registrar interested in the field. 2013 Registrar