

## Prospective Intern/RMO Information 2026 – Tasmanian Health Service - North West

Thank you for your interest in an Intern or Resident Medical Officer (RMO) job with the North West Regional Hospital (NWRH) and Mersey Community Hospital (MCH). These two hospitals provide health care to the North-West of Tasmania. We employ approximately 80 prevocational doctors (19 interns and 61 RMOs) and pride ourselves on providing a supportive training environment.

The Tasmanian Health Service – North West (THS-NW) offers many professional and lifestyle advantages. Covering a population approaching 120,000, the health service is large enough to offer a diversity of health careers that incorporate the major specialties, yet small enough to offer autonomy and cater for individual needs and interests. Interns and RMOs work in small clinical teams with flatter hierarchy than many centres, and experience good variety of patient presentations and many learning opportunities – a great way to build a strong foundation for any medical career. You can develop your clinical skills, work in a range of settings and enjoy Tasmania's relaxed living or more adventurous pursuits.

**North West Regional Hospital (NWRH)** in Burnie provides a range of healthcare services and is the main referral hospital for the North West. The hospital has a total of 160 beds, and is co-located with the 48-bed North West Private Hospital. Intern and RMO rotations at NWRH include Emergency Medicine, General Medicine (with exposure to endocrinology, cardiology, infectious diseases, geriatrics), General Surgery, Orthopaedics, Anaesthetics, ICU, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Paediatrics, and Psychiatry.

**Mersey Community Hospital (MCH)** in Latrobe has a 24-hour emergency department and inpatient care in medicine, palliative care and rehabilitation. MCH also provides day surgery and endoscopy services. Intern and RMO rotations at MCH are in Emergency Medicine and General Medicine (with exposure to palliative care and rehabilitation).

Interns and RMOs can also rotate to district hospitals located in King Island and Queenstown. These positions provide experience in rural general practice, aged care and inpatient care.

Information about available terms and term dates are available on the PMCT website: [Terms - PMCT](#). Please note that some terms are only available to specific cohorts of RMOs. Term allocations will ensure that all Interns and RMOs meet their registration requirements. Career plans and preferences are considered when allocating terms.

Interns and RMOs work at both NWRH and MCH. The best way to move between the sites is to drive 45 minutes on a coastal highway - you will need a driving licence and use of a vehicle.

You can read more about our hospitals here:

- [About North West Regional Hospital | Tasmanian Department of Health](#)
- [About Mersey Community Hospital | Tasmanian Department of Health](#)

### About North-West Tasmania

- [North West - Discover Tasmania](#)
- [Burnie - Discover Tasmania](#) (NWRH is in Burnie)
- [Latrobe - Discover Tasmania](#) (MCH is near Latrobe)
- [Devonport - Discover Tasmania](#) (Devonport is the closest large town to MCH)

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### Employment with the THS-NW

Information about careers and employment benefits can be read here:

- [Careers | Tasmanian Department of Health](#)
- [Benefits and lifestyle | Tasmanian Department of Health](#)

The terms and conditions of employment for doctors employed by the Department of Health (Tasmania) are outlined in:

- The Award - [Medical Practitioners Award 2015 \(GOK draft\) \(T0305277.DOC;1\)](#) and
- The Agreement - [Medical-Practitioners-Tasmanian-State-Service-Agreement-2022.pdf \(tic.tas.gov.au\)](#) (rates of pay are on page 15).

THS-NW offers a relocation allowance to eligible new employees, and furnished hospital accommodation is available for up to 12 months; the first 3 months are rent-free for eligible new employees.

Orientation is provided for all new Interns and RMOs. The orientation program includes education sessions, meetings with relevant members of the team, completion of mandatory online and face-to-face training, and a period of “shadowing” – observing interns/RMOs in the relevant department to learn the role. Further department-specific orientation is provided at the beginning of each new term.

Education opportunities are available in all departments; this sample education program shows some of the education available.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:30-8am Surgical radiology meeting (Alternate weeks, Rural Clinical School NWRH)	8am-8:30am Palliative Care education* (Alternate Tuesdays, Parkside)	7:15-8:15am Surgical grand rounds and M&M^ (Rural Clinical School NWRH)	All day ED registrar teaching (Alternate weeks)	8am – 10am Orthopaedic grand rounds (Rural Clinical School, NWRH)
2-2:30pm ICU audit meeting	11am Medical MDT meeting*	7:30-9am ED intern/RMO teaching**	8am-8:30am Palliative Care education* (Parkside)	12-1pm NWRH Medical Weekend Handover Meeting
	12pm Medical Grand Rounds*	12pm Hospital-wide grand rounds* (First Wednesday of the month)	8:30am – 12:30pm Anaesthetic Registrar Teaching	1-2pm MCH Medical Weekend Handover Meeting
	1pm 2pm JMO tutorial	12-1pm Ochre GP teaching*^	11am Medical MDT meeting*	12-1pm Paediatric M&M*^ (First Friday of the month, Paediatric ward meeting room)
		1:30pm O&G education (ANC meeting room)	12pm Medical Journal Club*	12:30pm – 4:30pm Anaesthetic education and M&M (2nd Friday of the Month)
		1:30pm O&G M&M^ (First Wednesday/month, NWRH ANC L1 meeting room)	12pm Medical M&M^ (Last Thursday of the month)	1:30 – 4:00pm Paediatric Education Meetings and Teaching* (Paediatric ward meeting room)
		3-4:30pm Perinatal M&M*^ (NWRH ANC L1 meeting room)	12:30-2:30pm Psychiatry education*	
		3:30-5pm Paediatric rural teaching* (streamed from Bendigo)	12:30pm-1:30pm Paediatric academic meeting *	
		6:30pm – 9pm Orthopaedic journal club (Once per term, seek details from orthopaedic team)	2-3pm ICU M&M^ (1st Thursday of the month)	

We look forward to receiving your application for an Intern or RMO role in 2026.