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Medical Workforce Team
South West Healthcare

RE: Hospital Medical Officer Year 2

Dear Paula Conlan - Senior Medical Workforce Coordinator,

I would be honoured to work and learn at the **Warrnambool Base Hospital**. I am an Australian citizen and have passed the AMC Part 1 (MCQ) exam and the OET English exam, which enables me to obtain limited registration by AHPRA. After two years with my family in Australia, I resumed working full-time in Brazil in June 2024, which also makes me compliant with AHPRA's recency of practice standards.

I firmly believe I am an ideal candidate for the role based on my over 15 years of experience in Brazil in Intensive Care and Emergency Medicine. Throughout my professional career, from my residency in cardiovascular surgery to being an ICU doctor at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic in the second worst-affected country in the world, my work shows my profound commitment to patient care, expertise in a wide range of procedures, and effectiveness in working collaboratively with diverse stakeholders in challenging contexts.

During my cardiovascular surgery residency, I was supervised by the world-renowned Professor Domingo M. Braile (MD) (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7299593/>) and learned under careful supervision an array of procedures relevant for intensive care and emergency medicine, including airway management, central vein line and pacemaker implantation, amongst many other procedures and treatments for both acute and chronic disease. Throughout and beyond my residency, I have further developed organisational skills, attention to detail and independence, all needed to complete an intense, high-volume program on cardiovascular surgery successfully.

I have worked in a wide variety of hospitals, both private and public, from secondary regional hospitals and tertiary research & educational hospitals to the largest hospital specialising in oncological diseases in Latin America.

As an emergency medicine and intensive care registrar in an array of hospitals, I had to adapt to rapid changes once the COVID-19 pandemic arrived while taking care of dozens of beds and being this whole time away from my family, all of whom were in Australia. It took a lot of resilience and empathy for the patients for me to persevere for roughly two years in these conditions. However, my deep commitment to patients and their families kept me energised through it all, even though my life was often on the line as I directly performed the most high-risk procedures on COVID-19 patients in the ED and ICU departments, such as intubation. Moreover, while I continued teaching and supervising junior doctors, I also collaborated with and guided numerous medical staff from different hospitals and medical professionals not commonly working in the ED and ICU, who were helping the hospitals treat an unprecedented number of patients. Overall, my actions during the pandemic showed my initiative, resilience, open and effective communication & teamwork, and profound commitment to high-quality patient care.

I look forward to the exciting learning opportunities the **Warrnambool Base Hospital** will provide me. I am sure it will not only refresh, deepen and amplify my knowledge but also be an excellent introduction to the Australian medical system.

Thank you for the opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

Deva Subasic de Azevedo