

POSITION DESCRIPTION

POSITION TITLE:	Research Nurse – Optimum Thiamine Intervention (OpT In) Trial
DIVISION / SECTION:	Wellbeing and Preventable Chronic Diseases (WPCD) / Alice Springs
SUPERVISOR:	Chief Investigator
CLASSIFICATION LEVEL:	GSL 7
SALARY RANGE:	\$53.99 - 58.59 per hour
STATUS (FTE):	Casual
NO. OF POSITIONS REPORTING DIRECTLY:	0
NO. OF POSITIONS REPORTING INDIRECTLY:	0

ABOUT MENZIES:

Menzies School of Health Research is one of Australia's leading medical research institutes dedicated to improving Indigenous, global and tropical health. Menzies has a history of over 30 years of scientific discovery and public health achievement. Menzies works at the frontline, joining with partners across the Asia-Pacific as well as Indigenous communities across northern and central Australia.

SUMMARY OF POSITION:

The Optimum Thiamine Intervention (OpT In) Trial is funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council. The aim is to determine the optimum thiamine dose for the treatment and prevention of the neurological disorder Wernicke Korsakoff's Syndrome (WKS) by comparing three different treatment regimens. Approximately 450 adult patients will be enrolled in the trial over 4 years. The project will recruit participants from the Alice Springs Hospital.

The role of the Research Nurse is to ensure that the trial meets standards of Good Clinical Practice, including informed consent, participant eligibility assessments and adverse event monitoring. The Research Nurse will be responsible for project management, participant recruitment, clinical data and specimen collection, data entry and data management according to the Study Protocol and Menzies Standard Operating Procedures.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Perform all clinical and data collection aspects of the study including neurological examinations, specimen collection (i.e. blood collection), cognitive assessments, review of medical records and complete questionnaires according to the study protocol and standard operating procedures.
2. Ensure the research is conducted in accordance with Good Clinical Practice guidelines.
3. Manage participant recruitment, informed consent process, participant retention and follow-up, and data collection and data entry processes.
4. Collect all trial and adverse event monitoring data and ensure it is stored/transmitted appropriately in accordance with ethical, cultural and confidentiality requirements.
5. Participate in training relevant to the project and position e.g. neurological training, good clinical practice, randomised controlled trials, and venepuncture.
6. Communicate and coordinate effectively with study participants, project staff, medical staff, Chief Investigators and other stakeholders.
7. Regularly attend study and research program meetings as required.
8. Any other tasks as reasonably required by the supervisor, manager and/or Director.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

Essential:

1. Tertiary nursing qualification and the ability to maintain registration with the relevant board of the Health Professions Licensing Authority.
2. Attention to detail with a high ability to observe, collect, and accurately record information.
3. Highly developed ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing to a range of audiences including a multidisciplinary medical team and Aboriginal people.
4. Demonstrated capacity to work independently without direct supervision and maintain good organizational and time management skills to undertake a range of project management, reporting and liaison activities of this position.
5. High level written and computer literacy skills to ensure collection and recording of information meets professional standards, including use of the Microsoft Office suite.
6. Understanding of, or an ability to acquire understanding of, the ethical considerations for conducting research with human participants.
7. The ability to interact effectively with people from diverse cultures.
8. An understanding and awareness of relevant Workplace Health and Safety as well as Equal Opportunity principles and legislation along with a commitment to maintaining a healthy and safe workplace for all Menzies staff, students, volunteers and visitors.

Desirable:

1. Previous experience in a research position in a health or policy related area, especially with quantitative data collection and handling.
2. Experience working with and knowledge of health issues affecting Indigenous Australians.
3. Experience/qualifications in venipuncture and nursing.
4. Knowledge or experience in evidence-based medicine and clinical trials.