

## Fiona Stanley Hospital Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Fellowship

Now in its 8<sup>th</sup> year, the plastic surgery fellowship at Fiona Stanley Hospital in Perth is growing in popularity across the globe. Previous fellows have joined the unit for a year from the U.K, India and Singapore. We are now seeking our next fellows and are looking to appoint prospective candidates from February 2024 and 2025 for 12 months each.



Fiona Stanley Hospital, based in the southern suburb of Murdoch, is the newest of the teaching hospitals in the Perth Metropolitan area (<https://youtu.be/VXqv9sU1DKU>). It serves a huge geographical area from the Swan River to the North, all the way to the southern coast of Western Australia. The Plastic Surgery Department is comprised of 10 consultants, the fellow, two plastic surgery trainees and a tier of junior doctors. It is a busy department, which covers a broad range of plastic surgery sub-specialities – with a strong emphasis on breast reconstruction and head and neck reconstruction.

The roles of the plastic surgery fellow include working alongside the consultant body, and to manage the junior doctors in the team – both invaluable skills for a future Consultant. There is good exposure to microsurgical reconstruction, with on average 2-3 free flaps occurring weekly. In addition to this there are daily elective and trauma operating lists providing further experience in skin malignancies (including block dissection and sentinel node biopsy), hand surgery and trauma. Fiona Stanley Hospital works in conjunction with the State Rehabilitation Service, such that pressure injury

reconstruction also forms part of the work of the team. Burn care and maxillofacial trauma are not part of the fellowship.

The fellow participates in a 1:4 on-call roster with the plastic surgery trainees, on a second on-call basis. Referrals are taken by the service registrar on call and then escalated to the fellow or trainee as needed.

Outside of work, the fellow has the opportunity to explore an often overlooked yet stunningly beautiful part of Australia. Western Australia is incredibly vast and diverse; as the largest state, it covers nearly one-third of the country. From swimming with whale sharks and taking selfies with Quokkas to the sweeping green vineyards of world-class wineries in the Margaret River region, internationally renowned surfing competitions and sport at the most beautiful sporting facility in the world (<https://soperth.com.au/perthnews/optus-stadium-voted-worlds-best-looking-stadium-28631>), there is something for everyone.



The climate is generally warm year round, with temperatures ranging from up to 40 degrees in the height of summer to about 15 degrees in winter. This certainly facilitates the outdoor lifestyle that so many people crave.

The fellowship is well remunerated, which enables fellows to support family members during the year in Western Australia. The fellow salary starts at

approximately \$160,000 AUD per annum, with additional payments for overtime and call backs when on call.

For further information you may wish to contact our current fellow Sarah Percival: [sarah.percival@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:sarah.percival@health.wa.gov.au) or Robert Choa, consultant plastic surgeon and previous fellow in the unit: [Robert.choa@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:Robert.choa@health.wa.gov.au).