

## Scope of Clinical Practice in General Practice in MHHS facilities

### 1. SCOPE OF CLINICAL PRACTICE IN GENERAL PRACTICE FOR MACKAY HOSPITAL AND HEALTH SERVICE FACILITIES

#### Scope of Clinical Practice in General Practice

Unless otherwise specified, routine Scope of Clinical (SoCP) in General Practice includes all primary care areas including geriatrics, paediatrics, palliative care, antenatal care, psychiatry, internal medicine, closed orthopaedics, minor surgery, basic emergency care and outpatient care.

These patients require primary medical intervention. This may be delivered as an ambulatory service or may be delivered within a Mackay Hospital and Health Service (Mackay HHS) facility setting as an inpatient service with the patient requiring noncomplex acute care.

Inpatient admissions may include the following admission status:

- Nursing Home Patient
- Rehabilitation Patient
- Patients requiring treatment for low acuity, single system medical conditions or chronic disease management (for a known diagnosis)
- Palliative Care Patient / Aged Care Patient
- Patients with pre-existing significant comorbidities if their comorbidities are stable
- Other equivalent

The quality of care of all patients (public or private) is covered under the public Governance for Safety and Quality framework. The Mackay HHS accountable officer for quality of medical care of all patients is the Executive Director Medical Services and Chief Medical Officer (EDMS&CMO)/Medical Superintendent (or Senior Doctor on call of the public facility). Each individual General Practitioner is required to escalate concerns they have in respect to managing the care of any patient that is outside their individual scope of experience/knowledge.

For consideration of SoCP in General Practice in Mackay HHS, all practitioners are required to provide evidence of recent training in adult and paediatric “advanced resuscitation” eg ALS (Advanced Life Support) and Paediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) or equivalent certificates (Optimus Prime for paediatric advanced life support) for Mackay Base Hospital and Proserpine Hospital (CSCF levels 4 and 3 respectively); evidence of recent training in adult advanced resuscitation (ALS) and paediatric basic life support (Optimus Core or equivalent certificates) for the other rural sites in accordance with their CSCF level 2 status.

In addition, positive references that outline past and recent experience and competence around the primary care of patients are required. Additional verbal references may be required where deemed necessary by the Mackay HHS.

#### Scope of Clinical Practice in General Practice (Complex Acute Care)

Mackay HHS defines complex acute care as those patients who have an illness or injury that required urgent/complex inpatient hospitalisation, advanced emergency care or close bedside monitoring in a high dependency unit or equivalent. It is not possible to list all clinical conditions for all clinicians for all clinical presentations.

Therefore all acute patients, whether under the management of a public or private doctor are deemed to be supervised by the EDMS&CMO/Clinical Director Emergency Medicine (or delegate)/Senior Medical Officer on duty for the rural facility.

For consideration of Scope of Clinical Practice (complex acute care) in Mackay Hospital and Health Service, additional evidence is required of current EMST (Early Management of Severe Trauma) or equivalent certificates, in addition to positive references that outline past and recent experience and



competence around the care of complex acute patients. Additional verbal references may be requested where deemed necessary by the MHHS.

### **Scope of Clinical Practice in an advanced specialised skill e.g. Obstetrics/Anaesthetics/Emergency/Surgical Procedures (Advanced Credentialed Practice)**

For SoCP in an advanced specialised skill area to be considered, the Mackay HHS requires the following:

- Evidence of certified postgraduate training in an advanced skill, an outline of recent relevant experience, evidence of Continuing Professional Development CPD and upskilling within the past three years in addition to positive references that outline recent experience and competence in the advanced specialised skill area. Additional verbal references may be required where deemed necessary by the Mackay HHS.

#### **OR**

- Without formal post graduate qualifications but extensive past and recent relevant experience – evidence of substantial recent relevant experience, evidence of CPD, upskilling within the past three years and copies of relevant documents to support your requested SoCP (e.g. log books) in addition to positive references that outline recent experience and competence in the advanced specialised skill area. Additional verbal references may be required where deemed necessary by the Mackay HHS.

### **Mackay HHS – employed senior level medical practitioners with Scope of Clinical Practice in General Practice**

The following are requirements for Mackay HHS employed clinicians in their continuing upskilling and clinical practice within the Mackay HHS environment. This is to support the quality of care of all patients and the safe clinical practice of General Practitioners and Rural Generalists employed by Mackay HHS.

#### **Senior level medical practitioners with Scope of Clinical Practice in General Practice**

As outlined previously, for consideration of SoCP in General Practice in Mackay HHS, all practitioners are required to provide evidence of recent training in adult and paediatric “advanced resuscitation” eg ALS (Advanced Life Support) and Paediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) or equivalent certificates (Optimus Prime for paediatric advanced life support) for Mackay Base Hospital and Proserpine Hospital (CSCF levels 4 and 3 respectively); evidence of recent training in adult advanced resuscitation (ALS) and paediatric basic life support (Optimus Core or equivalent certificates) for the other rural sites in accordance with their CSCF level 2 status.

In addition, positive references that outline past and recent experience and competence around the primary care of patients are required. Additional verbal references may be required where deemed necessary by the Mackay HHS.

In addition to this, ongoing SoCP in General Practice requirements include upskilling on an annual basis:

- Optional one week’s upskilling in the Clinical Department relevant to their advanced specialised skill.
- If taken as Professional Development Leave (PDL) this can be undertaken at any facility. If taken during normal working time it is to be done within MBH or elsewhere at the direction of the relevant Clinical Director.
- Upskilling at MBH is to be negotiated and arranged by the practitioner with the relevant Clinical Director and their Supervisor.
- Confirmed details are to be provided by the practitioner to their Supervisor, Mackay Credentialing and Mackay Medical Workforce Unit.

#### **Senior level medical practitioners with Scope of Clinical Practice in General Practice and General Practice (Complex Acute Care)**

As outlined previously, for consideration of Scope of Clinical Practice (complex acute care) in Mackay Hospital and Health Service, evidence of recent training in adult and paediatric “advanced resuscitation” eg ALS (Advanced Life Support) and Paediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) or equivalent certificates (Optimus Prime for paediatric advanced life support) for Mackay Base Hospital and Proserpine Hospital (CSCF levels 4 and 3 respectively); evidence of recent training in adult



advanced resuscitation (ALS) and paediatric basic life support (Optimus Core or equivalent certificates) for the other rural sites in accordance with their CSCF level 2 status. Evidence is also required of current EMST (Early Management of Severe Trauma) or equivalent certificates, in addition to positive references that outline past and recent experience and competence around the care of complex acute patients. Additional verbal references may be requested where deemed necessary by the MHHS.

In addition to this, ongoing SoCP in General Practice (Complex Acute Care) requirements include upskilling on an annual basis:

- Optional one week's upskilling in an Emergency Department. Practitioners are to self-identify skill areas and clinical procedures for upskilling.
- If taken as Professional Development leave (PDL) this can be undertaken at any facility. If taken during normal working time it is to be done within MBH or elsewhere at the direction of the Clinical Director Emergency Medicine.
- Attendance at MBH and identified areas for upskilling are to be negotiated and arranged by the practitioner with the Clinical Director of Emergency Medicine and their Supervisor.
- Confirmed details are to be provided by the practitioner to their Supervisor, Mackay Credentialing and Mackay Medical Workforce Unit.

### **Senior level medical practitioners with Scope of Clinical Practice in General Practice (Complex Acute Care) and with a SoCP in an advanced specialised skill**

As outlined previously, for consideration of Scope of Clinical Practice (complex acute care) in Mackay Hospital and Health Service, evidence of recent training in adult and paediatric "advanced resuscitation" eg ALS (Advanced Life Support) and Paediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) or equivalent certificates (Optimus Prime for paediatric advanced life support) for Mackay Base Hospital and Proserpine Hospital (CSCF levels 4 and 3 respectively); evidence of recent training in adult advanced resuscitation (ALS) and paediatric basic life support (Optimus Core or equivalent certificates) for the other rural sites in accordance with their CSCF level 2 status. Evidence is also required of current EMST (Early Management of Severe Trauma) or equivalent certificates, in addition to positive references that outline past and recent experience and competence around the care of complex acute patients. Additional verbal references may be requested where deemed necessary by the MHHS.

In addition to this, ongoing SoCP in General Practice (Complex Acute Care) requirements include on an annual basis:

- Optional one week's upskilling in the Clinical Department relevant to their advanced specialised skill.
- If taken as Professional Development Leave (PDL) this can be undertaken at any facility. If taken during normal working time it is to be done within MBH or elsewhere at the direction of the relevant Clinical Director.
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