

## Thinking of Dermatology?

Dermatology is the science concerned with the diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the skin, hair, and nails. Dermatology involves, but is not limited to, the study, research, and diagnosis of disorders, diseases, cancers, cosmetic and ageing conditions of the skin, fat, hair, nails, and oral and genital membranes.

## Overview of Dermatology

Dermatology includes the management of the above conditions by different investigations and therapies, including dermatohistopathology, topical and systemic medications, dermatologic surgery and dermatologic cosmetic surgery, immunotherapy, phototherapy, laser therapy, superficial radiotherapy, and photodynamic therapy. Dermatologists treat patients of all ages from infants and children to adolescents and adults.

## Specialty training

Physician training is undertaken through the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) and consists of:

- a minimum of 36 months of Paediatric and Child Health Basic Training followed by
- a minimum of 48 months of Advanced Training in Dermatology (24 months must be completed in New Zealand and 24 months overseas).

Trainees may apply to enter the Advanced Training programme if they:

- have completed Paediatric and Child Health Basic Training programme
- have successfully completed the RACP Clinical and Written Examinations,
- have current medical registration and
- secured an accredited training position.

All advanced training occurs in supervised clinical placements within RACP accredited sites.

Over the course of the training program, all trainees must carry out a variety of teaching and learning activities, assessments and other program requirements in consultation with their supervisors.

Once the training is satisfactorily completed, Fellowship of the RACP (FRACP) is awarded.

Please note that trainees may complete more than one Advanced Training Program at a time.

**It is highly likely that you need to complete placements in multiple DHBs whilst completing vocational training.**

## Personal qualities required to be a Dermatologist

- fostering of a patient-centred approach to health care
- maintenance of a balanced and broad perspective on health care delivery

- preparedness to learn and adopt new and validated approaches to diagnosis and management, despite logistical difficulties, and to change work practices when appropriate
- willingness to reflect on, and learn from, mistakes
- preparedness to change management plans
- tolerance of uncertainty
- ability to cope with unexpected disappointments, equanimity, resiliency and calmness in the face of challenging clinical demands
- desire to contribute to improvements in the health system
- desire to foster clinical practice, research and teaching in general internal medicine
- preparedness to acknowledge doubt and uncertainty in clinical practice.

## **Specialty Training Programme Information**

### **Medical College**

[Royal Australasian College of Physicians \(RACP\)](#)

Dermatology training through the RACP can only be completed in New Zealand. In Australia this training is provided by the Australasian College of Dermatologists.

### **Fellowship/Qualification**

Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (FRACP)

### **Application and Selection process**

Application/selection [Basic training](#)

Application/selection [Advanced Training in Dermatology](#)

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To find out more about physicians/paediatricians and other specialty areas, [click here](#). This also provides a useful Q&A section.

Further information can be obtained on [Royal Australasian College of Physicians \(RACP\)](#)

## Resident Medical Officer (RMO) Information

Demand for vocational training posts is currently not available

### RMO training registrar positions contracted

| Northern | Midland | Central | South Island | Total |
|----------|---------|---------|--------------|-------|
| 1        | 1.6     | 0       | 0            | 2.6   |

(September 2016 RMO census)

## Regions

### **Northern:**

Northland, Waitemata, Auckland, Counties Manukau DHBs

### **Midland:**

Lakes, Tairāwhiti, Bay of Plenty, Waikato, Taranaki DHBs

### **Central:**

Hawke's Bay, Wanganui, MidCentral, Wairarapa, Capital and Coast, Hutt Valley DHBs

### **South Island:**

Nelson Marlborough, Canterbury, South Canterbury, Southern, West Coast DHBs

## Senior Medical Officer (SMO) Information

| Year | Number of NZ New Fellows* |
|------|---------------------------|
| 2015 | NOT AVAILABLE             |
| 2014 | NOT AVAILABLE             |

| Average Age of SMOs | Number registered with the Medical Council | % of international medical graduates in the workforce |
|---------------------|--|---|
| 53                  | 66   | 26  |

**Number by Region** (September 2016 SMO census)

| Northern |           | Midland |           | Central |           | South Island |           | Total |           |
|----------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|--------------|-----------|-------|-----------|
| FTE      | Headcount | FTE     | Headcount | FTE     | Headcount | FTE          | Headcount | FTE   | Headcount |
| 8.9      | 15        | 3.4     | 5         | 1.6     | 4         | 2            | 3         | 15.8  | 27        |

\*The number is not separately available but included in the total registered in Internal Medicine.