

## **Obstetrics and Gynaecology Service**

### **Why specialise in Obstetrics?**

Christchurch Women's Hospital is a modern women's hospital with over 6,000 deliveries per year. Gynaecological Services provides inpatient, day patient and outpatient treatment for women in the Canterbury region and tertiary services for the South Island. It is a tertiary referral center for Maternal and Fetal Medicine, Gynaecological Oncology, and Neonatal Paediatrics.

Obstetrics and Gynaecology are the two surgical specialties dealing with the female reproductive organs, and as such are often combined to form a single medical speciality and postgraduate training program.

This combined training prepares the practicing Obstetrics and Gynaecology specialist to be adept at the surgical management of the entire scope of clinical pathology involving female reproductive organs, and to provide care for both pregnant and non-pregnant patients.

### **Career Prospects**

With demand for Obstetric Services increasing in New Zealand and internationally. There is opportunity and encouragement for further sub-specialty training also.

### **Sub Specialities include**

- Gynaecological oncology
- Obstetric and gynaecological ultrasound
- Maternal-foetal medicine
- Reproductive endocrinology and infertility
- Urogynaecology

### **Medical Staff in our Service**

- 9 House officers
- 18 Registrars including the gynae-oncology registrar/fellow and the Senior registrar
- 25 Obstetric and gynaecology consultants
- 3 Gynae-oncology consultants
- 2 obstetric physicians

### **All about our service**

Our Gynaecology Service provides professional, quality care for the women of Christchurch, greater Canterbury and other centres within the South Island. The services provided cater for women with acute and non acute medical/surgical gynaecological conditions, and oncology/gynaecology treatments including Brachytherapy and Pregnancy conditions (up to 24 weeks gestation).

The Maternity Service provides outpatient and inpatient care at a secondary/tertiary level to women of Canterbury and from other areas of the South Island and includes a Fetal Medicine Unit.

There are a large variety of acute and elective obstetric presentations and high-risk obstetrics. On the birth suite there are 12 birthing rooms, 2 obstetric theatres on birth suite, 9 assessment/ pre-labour beds, 2 acute observation beds and 4 beds in PACU. The gynaecology service includes inpatient and outpatient services. There are 27 inpatient gynaecology beds, a 5-bed gynaecology assessment unit and a separate colposcopy and outpatient hysteroscopy unit.

### **Training in our service**

All clinical staff within the Department are contracted to provide clinical services to Te Whatu Ora Waitaha Canterbury Women's Hospital is administered by the Women's Health Division of the department.

The six year post graduate training programme in Obstetrics and Gynaecology consists of:

- Four years of Core training, with planned rotation between 3 hospitals, (includes a six month attachment at a provincial hospital), leading to Fellowship of the Royal Australia and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG).
- Two years of Advanced training which may be undertaken at an institution of the trainee's choice in New Zealand, or at an overseas hospital, with College approval.

### **Research**

Research opportunities available, please contact below.

### **SMO / Kaimahi (Staff)**

- Dr Emma Jackson; Clinical director O&G Department Christchurch Women's Hospital.
- Other medical staff as listed above.

### **Advantages to training in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Health NZ Canterbury Waitaha**

- Supportive department
- Wide range of clinical experiences and exposure to women's health
- Structured teaching for house officers and registrars
- Diploma of Obstetrics and Gynaecology via the University of Otago is available to those considering a career in Women's health. This includes O&G, Rural Medicine and General practice.

### **Enquiries**

- House Officers: Dr Georgina Hawkins (Georgina.Hawkins@cdhb.health.nz)
- Registrars: Dr Pip Davey (Pip.Davey@cdhb.health.nz)
- Advanced diploma of obstetrics for rural medicine: Dr Jane Fielder (Jane.Fielder@cdhb.health.nz)