

Network 2

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Local Area

South Western Sydney covers an area of 6,243km² across the Local Government Areas of the former Bankstown (now part of Canterbury-Bankstown), Fairfield, Liverpool, Campbelltown, Camden, Wollondilly and Wingecarribee.

South Western Sydney Local Health District (SWSLHD) is the largest and fastest growing District in metropolitan Sydney. With a population of over 1 Million people, the communities in this District are socially, economically, culturally and linguistically diverse.

Over the next fifteen years the population is expected to increase by 318,150 people, meaning 1,284,600 people will call the District home. This rapid population growth is due mainly to development in the South West Priority Growth Areas and extensive in-fill development. More people are also expected to work in South Western Sydney as development commences on major infrastructure projects such as the Western Sydney Airport and associated aerotropolis.

Network 2 consists of Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital, Campbelltown and Camden Hospitals and Bowral Hospitals.

Facility Overview

Network 2 offers great opportunities for professional development and advancement in three hospitals in the South Western Sydney region. Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital is a 433 bed, Campbelltown Hospital is a 306 bed principal referral hospitals, whilst Bowral & District Hospital (B&DH) is a major 94 bed Rural Hospital. The hospitals are designed to offer quality care in modern, purpose-built facilities.

The network has teaching and research links to the University of New South Wales, University of Sydney and University of Western Sydney. We attempt to foster improvement and innovation. We seek to attract Medical Officers who share our vision and values and believe that they can participate in advancing our objectives.

Network 2 is going through several facility redevelopments, with the NSW Government committing \$1.3 billion to redevelop Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital into a world-class, state-of-the-art facility on a new site. In May 2022 we opened the new clinical services towers at Campbelltown – this has resulted in a significant upgrade to services and facilities at the Hospital.

Term Rotations

There are a total of 106 accredited terms in Network 2 at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital, Campbelltown & Camden Hospitals and Bowral Hospital.

PGY1 terms available:

For interns the network offers Emergency Medicine along with the following medical and surgical terms across Bankstown and Campbelltown – local terms also specified below.

- Aged Care
- Stroke
- Rehabilitation
- Cardiology
- Ambulatory Care
- Medical Assessment Unit
- Respiratory
- General Medicine at Campbelltown Hospital
- Gastroenterology
- Renal
- Rheumatology/Endocrine
- Neurology
- Oncology at Campbelltown Hospital
- General/Laparoscopic and Breast Surgery
- General Surgery at Campbelltown Hospital
- Upper GI surgery
- Colorectal surgery
- Vascular surgery
- Urology surgery/Ophthalmology
- Plastic/ENT surgery at Bankstown Hospital
- Orthopaedic surgery

Additionally, PGY2 terms available:

In addition to PGY1 terms, the RMO's are also offered terms in

- O&G
- Paediatrics
- ICU at Bankstown and Campbelltown
- Oncology
- Psychiatry
- Aged Psychiatry
- Palliative care at Camden Hospital
- General Medicine & HDU at Bowral
- Hospital General Surgery at Bowral Hospital
- Rehabilitation Medicine at Camden

Rosters/Teaching/Mentoring etc.

Across the sites in Network 2, there is a JMO teaching program that is informed by the Australian Curriculum Framework for Junior Doctors and the HETI universal lecture series. This includes skills training, simulation and JMO led education sessions.

There is the hospital grand rounds across the sites, weekly. There are specialty education sessions and meetings, M&M meetings and specialty teaching.

There is access to DPETs across all sites. There is the Network 2 Resident Medical Association “Red Resident Program” that provides support to JMOs.

Network 2 has recently undergone a review of rosters, overtime and workload. The Network continuously seeks feedback on this through the RMOA representatives, the GCTC and through the DPETs. The Network strives to ensure a safe working environment whilst providing the trainees with a well-rounded clinical training and non-clinical experience.

Vocational Training Opportunities

The Network has two RACP Director of Physician Education. Prevocational Trainees (PVT) can register with the RACP in their PGY2 year as per the RACP guidelines. There are multiple medical subspecialties offered across all sites in Network 2, including rheumatology, oncology, and palliative care medicine. There are opportunities for PVTs to participate in “Registrar for the day” activities. There are also opportunities for the PVT to assist in the RACP clinical examinations and mock examinations.

Network 2 offers ICU to PGY2 trainees at both Bankstown and Campbelltown Hospitals and is one of the few hospitals offering ICU terms to PGY2 trainees. There is access to Directors of Emergency Medicine training for those trainees interested in pursuing critical care. There is the opportunity to work in Bowral HDU to further develop critical care skills in a rural setting.

The Network has recently developed a surgical training pathway with the development of new surgical SRMO positions offered at all SWSLHD hospitals, as of 2021. The facilities have RACS trainees and unaccredited trainees in most surgical subspecialties.

Network 2 is well suited to trainees interested in GP training. There are opportunities to do the specialty terms including O&G, Paediatrics, Psychiatry, Palliative Care and Bowral General Medicine. There are opportunities for trainees to do GP extended skills in O&G and other terms in their PGY2 year.

Network 2 provides a Paediatric term that provides training opportunities for PGY 2 including participation in the Paediatric RACP mock clinical examination, case presentations, mock interviews and CV preparation.

The O&G Department provides the opportunity to pursue training in O&G in the PGY3 years and beyond. There is the opportunity to complete the RANZCOG Diploma.

Network 2 offers two psychiatry terms across the sites. Trainees are supported in their applications for psychiatry training.

Across Network 2, trainees are supported in their career development. This includes access to skills training, the opportunity to be in hospital committees, quality improvement, research, and assistance with college training. Trainees are also supported in CV writing, interview skills and career advice.

Websites that could provide more information regarding the Facility/Local Area/Navigation in the region etc.

<https://www.swslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/>

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