Work in Health. Live in Paradise.

Atherton Tablelands 'Village in the Rainforest'

Atherton is an 80-minute drive from Cairns, on the Atherton Tablelands. It's home to 7,300 people and is popular for its gourmet food and wine, bird watching, unique wildlife, rainforest, and waterfall walks. It is a great spot for many outdoor activities such as hiking and bushwalking, mountain biking and a variety of water sports.

About Atherton Hospital

Atherton Hospital is a 56-bed facility with a strong commitment to Rural Generalist training. The hospital provides training posts for Generalist Registrars with ACRRM and RACGP. We also support rotational PHOs from Cairns on 10-week terms in the ED, and intern terms on the wards. We provide care to residents of Atherton but also as far west as Georgetown, Forsyth and Croyden, and out to Millaa Millaa – the largest geographical footprint of the rural facilities within the CHHHS.



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Relocation Incentive

We offer applicants relocation assistance including air and road travel, relocation of goods and vehicles as well as up to 21 nights accommodation.

Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service

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Opportunities

Our SMOs have procedural skills in anaesthetics, obstetrics, and ED, and provide supervision, support and training for junior doctors and medical students within the facility. There is capacity within the hospital for SMOs to develop special interests such as minor surgery, paediatrics, anaesthetics and obstetrics, and education and training. Atherton has visiting Medical Officers in Surgery, Paediatrics, Haematology, Endocrinology, and Cardiology. Our busy obstetric unit delivers around 170 babies a year.

Employment conditions

Medical Officers (Queensland Health) Award - State 2015 in conjunction with Medical Officers (Queensland Health) Certified Agreement (No.6) 2022 (MOCA 6)

- Flexible Working Conditions - part-time and casual positions availability
- **Professional Development Allowance** or Vocational Training Subsidy
- Minimum 5 weeks leave
- Inaccessibility allowance accrual (Innisfail, Mareeba, Mossman, Tully)

Atherton Hospital overview

Atherton Hospital values ongoing medical education and provides access to inhouse and external education sessions and workshops. Some of these are in conjunction with local general practitioners with whom the hospital has a close cooperative relationship. We also have a Simulation Centre, utilised for multidisciplinary training within the hospital, as well as workshops with external providers. There is a James Cook University satellite campus co-located with the Hospital, and we support students in years two, four and six as part of their clinical rotations. Atherton Hospital sees a broad range of acute and chronic medical conditions, as well as major and minor trauma, and is supported by retrieval and other services in Cairns.

Hospital Services

- Allied Health
- Accident and Emergency (24hr)
- **Anesthetic Services** including epidurals
- Birthing
- Chemotherapy
- **Community Health**
- **Diabetes Educator**

- Dialysis
- **Fracture Clinic**
- **GIT Endoscopy**
- Inpatient
 - Mental Health (community)
 - **Palliative Care**
 - **Paediatrics** (low-medium acuity)

- Pathology
- Radiology including US and CT

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- Surgical Inpatients
- Surgical (visiting and SMO)
- Visiting specialist Services

1 Medical Registrar

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Medical Officer positions

- **Director of Medical Services**
- 10.7 FTE Senior Medical Officers
- **Staff Physician**
- **8** Principal House Officers (5 Training Registrar positions)
- 2 Interns

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