

## Facial Surgical Oncology and Reconstructive Surgery Fellowship Overview

We are now inviting applications for the fellowship position, which is supervised by A/Prof Sydney Ch'ng. The fellowship is designed for ambitious candidates who intend to pursue subspecialized training in complex ablative and reconstructive (microsurgical and non-microsurgical) surgery of the face, management of regional nodal basins including sentinel node biopsy for melanoma, parotidectomy and neck dissection, and facial nerve surgery.

The position is based at the Head and Neck Cancer Service at the Chris O'Brien Lifehouse Cancer Center, but the Fellow is also expected to participate in activities at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital Plastic Surgery Department and the Melanoma Institute of Australia.

The Head and Neck Cancer Service has seven other Head and Neck surgeons: Prof Carsten Palme (Head of Department), Prof Jonathan Clark, Dr Anthony Clifford, Prof Michael Elliott, Dr Hubert Low, Dr Kerwin Shannon and Dr James Wykes. The sub-specialty focus of each surgeon, as one might expect with a world-class department, is different. A/Prof Ch'ng is the only combined Plastic and Reconstructive, and Head and Neck surgeon in the team. In 2018, the department performed 238 free flaps. The Facial Surgical Oncology and Reconstructive Surgery Fellow is expected to be the co-surgeon/ first assistant for approximately 60 free flaps over 12 months. There are three other Head & Neck Fellows at the department. The Facial Surgical Oncology and Reconstructive Surgery Fellow is rostered on occasion to work with some of the other surgeons.

Please see below for a summary of the position:

<b>Position title</b>	Facial Surgical Oncology and Reconstructive Surgery Fellow
<b>Fellowship director</b>	A/Prof Sydney Ch'ng, MBBS, PhD, FRACS E-mail: sydney.chng@sydney.edu.au
<b>Principal location</b>	Chris O'Brien Lifehouse, Camperdown
<b>Additional locations</b>	Melanoma Institute Australia, Wollstonecraft Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Camperdown Concord Repatriation General Hospital, Concord Mater Hospital, North Sydney
<b>Daytime duties</b>	7 AM to variable Daily ward round before start of surgery/clinic
<b>On-calls / weekend duties</b>	1 in 4, including ward rounds on weekend
<b>Length of fellowship</b>	12 months, 1 position available per year
<b>Start date</b>	1 August
<b>Salary</b>	Gross AUD 80 000
<b>Accommodation</b>	Not available on-site Rent: ±AUD 600/week (1 bedroom)
<b>Requirements</b>	Certified surgeon or in final year of training in the specialty of Plastic and Reconstructive, Otolaryngology and Head & Neck, Maxillofacial or General Surgery. Prior exposure to microsurgical reconstruction is preferred.
<b>Selection process</b>	Skype interview, visit
<b>Application documents</b>	CV, statement letter, English language proficiency test
<b>Closing date for application</b>	13 September (of the year prior to start date)
<b>What was particularly good?</b>	Excellent teaching, hands-on experience, incremental responsibility, teamwork

For queries about the Fellowship, please contact A/Prof Sydney Ch'ng ([sydney.chng@sydney.edu.au](mailto:sydney.chng@sydney.edu.au)).

For more detailed description of the fellowship experience, please click here:

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