

News from 2009-2010 winning candidate

Dr Miles Behan

The Cordis Fellowship at Flinders Medical Centre in South Australia has been a fantastic opportunity, allowing me to develop my expertise in all aspects of interventional cardiology.

Flinders Medical Centre is a busy university hospital and a high-volume interventional centre performing over 1000 PCI's per year. Flinders provides a cardiology service for diverse areas: from urban Adelaide to the rural areas of South Australia and the Northern Territory. This leads to a large and varied caseload of both acute and elective cases. There is a busy primary angioplasty service with approximately one STEMI per 24-hour period. There is a mixture of femoral and radial operators among the six interventional consultants.

As the sole interventional fellow, I have spent all my time in the cath lab. By the end of my year I will have been primary operator in over 500 PCI's and assisted in the majority of the other cases. I have been encouraged to use pressure wire and IVUS assessment frequently. A large proportion of cases have been complex intervention and rotablation is available.

Flinders was the first centre in Australasia to start an Edwards TAVI program- this has now been established as a major service. There is also an active structural heart disease program with PFO/ASD closures, mitral and aortic balloon valvuloplasties. I have been involved with both these programs, either as assisting in the TAVI procedures and eventually as primary operator in the valvuloplasties.

There is a large cardiac research group which participates in both international and national trials. There are opportunities to get involved in research whilst at Flinders but the major emphasis is on your interventional training. Attendance at regional and national meetings is encouraged.

Outside of work, South Australia has been a great place to live; superb beaches, world-class wineries and the sun is always shining! I would wholeheartedly recommend applying for this fellowship.

Please send your questions about the job, the place or the process (of relocating) to - milesbehan@hotmail.com

Good luck with your application.

Miles Behan

Applications

If you are interested in applying for the Interventional Fellowship, please submit a detailed Curriculum Vitae with letters of support from two supervisory consultants to Dr Jim Nolan by email (nolanjim@hotmail.com)

Applications will close on July 30th 2010 with a view to interviewing short-listed candidates during August.

The fellowship bursary will be available from 1st April 2011.*

* The fellowship bursary must be paid into a trust fund or institution and cannot be paid to an individual.



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Australian Interventional Fellowship Programme

Flinders Medical Centre,
Adelaide, South Australia

Supervising Consultants
Dr J Nolan, Dr J Vaile

We are delighted to invite applications for the Australian Interventional Fellowship Programme for 2011/12.

This Programme is aimed at providing a UK or Irish based Specialist Registrar with the opportunity to gain experience in interventional cardiology in a prominent Australian centre with a broad patient base that draws from metropolitan and rural areas, including the Northern Territory. Experience will include percutaneous treatment of structural heart disease in addition to coronary intervention (including primary angioplasty).

The successful candidate will have the opportunity to gain valuable clinical experience for a year in the Flinders Medical Centre, Adelaide, South Australia, under the supervision of Dr Julian Vaile.

Access to the fellowship will be limited to trainees in the final two years of their Specialist Registrar training who are planning a career in Interventional Cardiology. The fellowship will be allocated through a process of open competition. A panel of senior interventional consultants will review all applications and award the fellowship based on the candidates' career development and interventional experience.

Enclosed is further information relating to the training and research opportunities in this centre, along with details on how to apply.

Yours sincerely

Dr Jim Nolan
Consultant Cardiologist
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This fellowship programme is linked to the Flinders Medical Centre, under the supervision of Dr Julian Vaile. The Flinders Medical Centre is in Adelaide, South Australia. The hospital provides interventional cardiology services for a population of 600,000, distributed through metropolitan and rural centres as well as interventional procedures from the Northern Territory with a population of 180,000.

The cardiac laboratories carry out elective interventional procedures during normal business hours, as well as providing a 24-hour 365-day primary PCI programme. The total catheterization volume includes 2500 diagnostics and a large number of interventions per year. At present there are a total of six interventionalists performing PCI procedures. Transradial access is used in some of the cases.

The programme for the UK or Irish based interventional fellow will consist of lab work and interventional research. The fellow can expect to complete a large number of procedures with many being performed as a solo operator (depending on individual experience and progress). Other interventional procedures are also offered for the management of complex patients, including mitral valvuloplasty, ASD/PFO closure devices, and percutaneous aortic valve replacement.

Multiple interventional research projects are underway including single and multi-centre projects. The interventional fellow will be encouraged to develop a research project leading to presentation and publication.

The fellowship programme will provide salary support (related to the current basic salary of the successful applicant without on call supplement) for the 12 months of the programme.