

Expression of Interest

Princess Alexandra Hospital Optometry Community Alignment Program

Princess Alexandra Hospital (PAH) is pleased to invite expressions of interest from community Optometrists and General Practitioners who are interested in becoming an aligned practitioner for low risk, review patients currently on a review waiting list in Ophthalmology at PAH.

As part of our ongoing commitment to delivering high-quality, accessible healthcare, we are seeking to collaborate with professionals who share our dedication to patient-centered care and who wish to be involved in providing comprehensive eye care services.

Overview

PAH is a leading healthcare facility recognised for its excellence in healthcare services, including specialised eye care. We are expanding our network of aligned practitioners to enhance our community outreach to ensure that patients across our catchment (and beyond) receive timely, co-ordinated and effective eye care.

Aligned practitioners will play a pivotal role in the management of low risk review patients, working closely with our hospital's specialists to provide seamless care. This partnership aims to bridge the gap between primary and tertiary care, offering patients a continuum of care that supports their eye health journey.

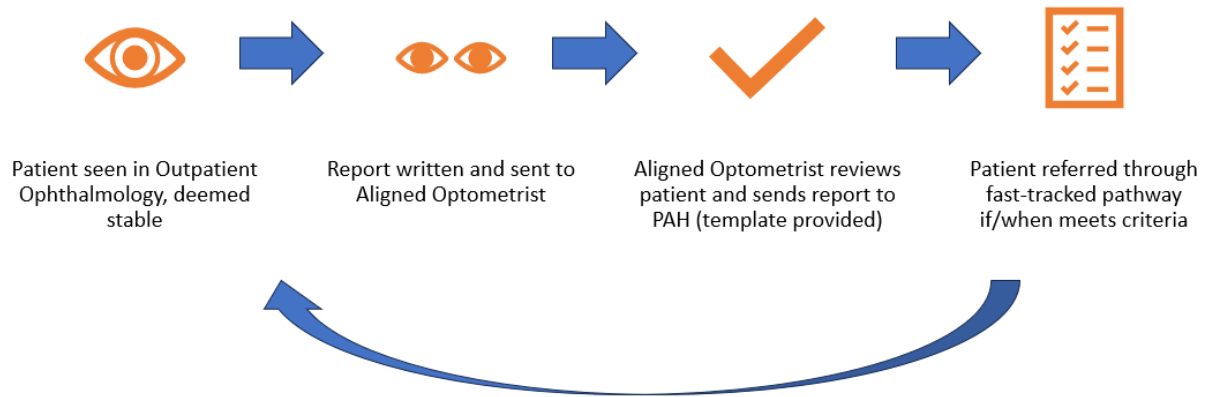
Benefits of becoming an Aligned Practitioner:

- Empowering local clinicians-** The workshop is designed to upskill community optometrists and General Practitioners with Special Interest (GPwSI) to effectively manage stable, low-progression eye disease in their practices, reducing the need for hospital-based care.
 - Expert-led Learning-** Participants will receive training and insights from leading Ophthalmologists and experienced Optometrists, enhancing their capacity to provide comprehensive eye care.
 - Improving patient access to receive quality eye care-** The program aims to improve access to eye-care in the community by enabling local clinicians to manage conditions typically referred to specialist services, reducing wait times for patients with more complex needs.
 - Strengthening Community and Hospital Networks-** The workshop will foster collaboration between PAH specialists and community clinicians, creating a more integrated care pathway for patients with stable eye conditions
 - Up-to-date Clinical Guidelines-** The workshop will cover the latest evidence-based approaches and clinical guidelines for managing low-progression eye diseases, ensuring attendees are informed on current practices
 - Long-term community benefits-** Knowledge and skills gained will contribute to sustainable, long-term improvements in local eye health management, benefiting both practitioners and their patients.
- Streamlined referral pathways-

ICARE² values



Alignment Program Model of Care



Preferred eligibility criteria for Optometrists:

- Current registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) including endorsement as qualified to administer, obtain, possess, prescribe, supply or use topical schedule 2,3 or 4 medicines for the purposes of the practice of optometry.
- Demonstrated experience and interest in clinical eye care (including binocular vision assessment and management as well as therapeutic management of glaucoma).
- Commitment to continuous professional development and adherence to best practice standards.
- Willingness to collaborate with PAH's specialists and participate in training sessions.
- Maintain accreditation status by participating in the alignment program workshops at least every 2 years.
- The following equipment and competencies are mandatory:
 - Goldmann or Perkins applanation tonometer
 - Computerised Perimetry (HFA3.0)
 - OCT (including capacity to measure anterior segment would be preferred)
 - Gonioscopy and relevant assessments (workshop provided)
 - Topography (in management of anterior segment cases) – Pentacam, Medmont, Galilei

Preferred eligibility for GPs:

- Slit lamp
- Direct ophthalmoscope
- Tonometer, contact or non-contact (eg. Icare)
- Sodium Fluorescein
- Foreign body removal equipment (20G to 30G single use needles, 0.4% Oxybuprocaine eye drops)
- Visual Acuity Testing Chart (Snellen)
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Total CPD hours:

Event ID	Session ID	Session Name	Clinical	Interactive Activity	Therapeutic	CPD hours
90006532	15958	Balancing the Pressure: Long-term Care for Stable Glaucoma	Y	Y	Y	1.5
90006532	15959	In Focus: A Guide to Anterior Eye Conditions and Care	Y	Y	Y	1
90006532	15960	Retina Matters: Comprehensive Care for Retinal Health	Y	Y	N	1
90006532	15961	In Harm's Way: Understanding Ocular Toxicity and Its Impact and Staying Ahead: Navigating Medicare's Evolving Regulations	Y	Y	Y	1
90006532	15962	Eye in Crisis: Practical Approaches to Ocular Conditions	Y	Y	Y	1.5

Fees

Optometry Australia members:

- No cost

Non-Optometry Australia members (Optometrists):

- \$150

How to express your Interest

Interested Optometrists and GPs are invited to submit their expression of interest via this email (PAH OptAlign@health.qld.gov.au) by 8th Nov 2024.

Please include the following information in your submission:

1. AHPRA registration
2. Confirmation of above equipment mentioned (eg. Type of VFT, OCT, applanation tonometry etc), photos are preferable

Location & Date Proposed

Russell Strong Auditorium
Lower Ground Floor
Building 1
Princess Alexandra Hospital
199 Ipswich Road
Woolloongabba, QLD
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1st Dec 8:30am to 4:30pm (Catering included)