To Whom It May Concern:

RE: EOI for a 0.5FTE REHABILITATION CONSULTANT POSITION at Royal Darwin Hospital in 2017

The rehabilitation services at the RDH are expanding & in 2018 will move to new facilities at the new Palmerston Regional Hospital. If you are interested in working with a dedicated service which is expanding, are willing to be involved in develop services, are up for a few challenges & want a new experience then please contact us. The Royal Darwin Hospital currently employs 2 Rehabilitation Consultants, 2 advanced AFRM trainees & has a dedicated level 4 multi-disciplinary inpatient & outpatient rehabilitation service. A new 116 bed regional hospital 20 minutes from RDH is being built & will open in 2018. The whole service will move to a purpose built facility along with the Geriatric service. The combined subacute services will be expanded to two 24 bed wards. The position will be suitable for an AFRM Fellow initially employed half-time in 2017 & then fulltime in 2018. All applications will be considered.

The current service has an 18 bed general rehabilitation ward dealing with a wide casemix of adult rehabilitation. This ranges from stroke/neurological, amputee, brain injury, spinal cord injury, orthopaedic & multiple trauma. There are Restorative & GEM beds collocated on the same ward. There is extensive exposure to the Indigenous culture & opportunities to conduct Outreach clinics. Currently there are outreach clinics to Katherine & Nhulunbuy. Outpatient clinics cover prosthetics/orthotics, chronic pain & brain injury. There are a small number of intrathecal pump refills & botulinum toxin injections performed. The multidisciplinary rehabilitation service is based within the Royal Darwin Hospital campus.

The Royal Darwin Hospital is the main tertiary hospital with 360 beds & is well supported by a large range of specialties. It is accredited for a number of specialty training programs. There is a lot of junior medical officer & medical student teaching. It is affiliated with the Charles Darwin University Medical School. The National Critical Care & Trauma Response Centre is based here. On the same campus is a Private Hospital which also provides rehabilitation services.
The Northern Territory is a fascinating place to visit with many National Parks to explore & Asia just a short trip away. Darwin & the Top End is a growing & vibrant place which is very multi-cultural. It is renowned for its outdoor markets & relaxed atmosphere. Assistance with accommodation & relocation is provided. On campus accommodation is available with access to amenities such as squash courts, gymnasium & pool. If you are interested please contact me on 08 89228866 or email Gavin.Chin@nt.gov.au.

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