

# Position Statement

Position Title	Clinical Director, Australasian Rehabilitation Outcomes Centre (AROC)
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## About AROC

AROC is a joint initiative of the Australian and New Zealand rehabilitation sector, including rehabilitation providers, funders, regulators and consumers. The Australasian Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine (AFRM) was a founding partner in the establishment of AROC. Established in July 2002, AROC was created to support the collection and analysis of standardised rehabilitation outcomes data across Australia and New Zealand. Through the collection of rehabilitation episode data from participating services, AROC delivers a national benchmarking system that supports quality improvement, service evaluation, health system planning and research.

AROC provides benchmarking and outcomes reports to member rehabilitation services, enabling participating organisations to compare their outcomes against appropriate peer and national benchmarks. AROC also supports and undertakes research activities aimed at improving outcomes and advancing rehabilitation care across the sector.

AROC is a program within the Australasian Health Outcomes Consortium (AHOC), which is based within the Graduate School of Medicine (GSM), Faculty of Science, Medicine and Health (SMAH), at the University of Wollongong (UOW).

## Primary Purpose of the Position

The AROC Clinical Director is a governance appointment that supports the Australasian Health Outcomes Consortium (AHOC) and provides a leadership role in the clinical and research aspects for AROC, as well as an ambassadorial role supporting AROC within the rehabilitation sector. The Clinical Director works in collaboration with the national team (AROC Director, AROC Data Manager, Quality and Education Manager, Statistician/s and Administrative Officer). The Clinical Director is appointed as an AFRM nominee and works collaboratively with AHOC, UOW and the broader rehabilitation sector to support the objectives of AROC.

## Major Accountabilities/Responsibilities

RESPONSIBILITIES	
1.	<b>Clinical Leadership and Sector Engagement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide high-level clinical leadership and advice to support the strategic direction, development and ongoing activities of AROC.</li><li>• Act as a clinical ambassador for AROC across the rehabilitation sector in Australia and New Zealand.</li><li>• Advocate for the value and role of rehabilitation outcomes benchmarking and quality improvement within the Australian and New Zealand health sectors.</li><li>• Represent AROC on relevant committees, advisory groups and sector forums.</li><li>• Work collaboratively with the AROC team to provide clinical insight into emerging issues, trends, models of care and priorities in rehabilitation practice.</li><li>• Foster engagement and collaboration across the multidisciplinary rehabilitation sector, including clinicians, researchers, services, funders and consumer representatives.</li></ul>
2.	<b>Benchmarking, Quality Improvement and Research</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contribute to the ongoing development and refinement of rehabilitation benchmarking methodologies, outcome measures and reporting frameworks.</li><li>• Provide clinical oversight and advice regarding the interpretation, communication and application of AROC benchmarking and outcomes data.</li><li>• Participate in and support research activities, publications, benchmarking initiatives and conference presentations associated with AROC.</li><li>• Promote the use of AROC data to support research, quality improvement and evidence-based rehabilitation practice across the rehabilitation sector.</li><li>• Provide clinical expertise to support the ongoing clinical governance, development and integrity of AROC datasets, data collections and snapshot studies.</li></ul>
3.	<b>Strategic Contribution</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contribute to the strategic direction and ongoing development of AROC.</li><li>• Participate in the governance activities of AROC, including contribution to the AROC Management Advisory Group (MAG) and associated strategic discussions.</li><li>• Support strategic partnerships and collaboration between AROC and key rehabilitation stakeholders, including professional organisations, health services, researchers, funders and regulators.</li><li>• Contribute clinical expertise to emerging initiatives relating to rehabilitation outcomes measurement, service evaluation and innovation in rehabilitation care.</li></ul>

## Key Contacts

<b>Key contacts and stakeholders</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AROC Director</li><li>• AHOC Executive Chair</li><li>• AROC team</li><li>• AROC committees</li><li>• Members of the AROC Management Advisory Group</li><li>• AFRM Executive</li><li>• RMSANZ Executive</li><li>• Key contacts within AROC member facilities</li></ul>
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## Essential Criteria

- Demonstrated research leadership and a strong track record in rehabilitation research.
- Ability to engage credibly and effectively with the medical rehabilitation sector.
- Ability to advise on policy options based on quantitative and qualitative data analysis.
- High level understanding of the Australian health care system and current health policy developments.
- Full membership of the Australasian Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine
- Ability to effectively and credibly engage with rehabilitation services and rehabilitation clinicians.