

### Palliative Medicine Specialist – flexible start date

- *This is a unique opportunity for an experienced Palliative Medicine Specialist to work within one of the largest and contemporary Hospice providers of specialist palliative care in New Zealand*
- *Flexible working hours (30-40 hrs./week), 6 weeks annual leave/year, professional development opportunities and assistance, relocation package available for candidates out of Auckland*
- *Make a difference by helping us Make Hospice Happen*

#### ***Ngā Kaupapa - Our Purpose...***

Totara Hospice [www.hospice.co.nz](http://www.hospice.co.nz) has just entered a new phase – we call it Generation 3. We have an integrated care management style that follows and supports the patient’s journey at all points, and which is underpinned by a *Te Whare Tapa Whā* approach (a holistic Māori health model) where the team collaborates in partnership with the patient and their families/whanau, applying clear care pathways or programmes to each episode of care. Our multidisciplinary staff work across all professions, and roles are exposed to the entire service continuum. The team is small (~120 staff) and close knit, working at the top of their scopes of practice across each role. A contemporary and agile organisation, we swiftly adapted to cope with the COVID-19 situation, ensuring uninterrupted inpatient and community services, and maintaining our commitment to never let anyone die alone. The pandemic has left us leaner and braver, without losing sight of our compassion and duty of care for others.

#### ***Our location***

Why not combine a fresh, professional challenge with a fabulous lifestyle in the stunning region of Auckland, the largest and most cosmopolitan city in New Zealand? Close enough to the hustle and bustle, but far enough away to enjoy space and quiet, Totara Hospice is based in The Gardens area of South Auckland. It’s a melting pot of ethnicities and cultures, and our workforce reflects that beautiful tapestry. We promote diversity and inclusion, ensuring all staff and visitors enjoy cultural safety and celebration of difference.

Totara Hospice is a member of **Diversity Works NZ**. We value diversity and inclusion and are committed to providing equal employment opportunities to those of all backgrounds and identities. We are also a proud supporter of the **Silver Rainbow** programme, ensuring the needs of the rainbow community in our sector are understood and met.

#### ***Te Mahi - The Role...***

Reporting to the Medical Director, the Palliative Medicine Specialist will provide high standards of medical care within a holistic Hospice service.

#### ***This position is primarily responsible for but not limited to;***

- Specialist assessment and management of patients both in community settings and the in-patient unit of Totara Hospice
- Providing specialist palliative care advice to external health professionals on patient care
- Provide ongoing assessment of patients in day hospice programmes, and outpatient clinics or on domiciliary visits
- Provide on-call duty service after hours
- Provide clinical cross cover for the Hospital Palliative Care Team (HPCT) of Middlemore Hospital when required

- Contribute where appropriate to Hospice clinical, educational & research activities
- Actively participate in the strategic direction of the organization and the smooth running of the medical team

Our challenging demographical environment is clinically stimulating, and you really do feel like you are making a difference. While being pushed to the upper limits of your scope of practice and creativity, you will learn and develop as a patient-centred clinician.

***Ngā pūkenga e hiahiatia – Skills required...***

You will have excellent clinical knowledge and a practice base in Palliative Medicine. You will also have an evidenced reputation for being able to work with a diverse range of care providers and demonstrated skills in working with care providers whilst keeping the patient and family at the centre.

The successful candidate must have:

- Specialist qualification in Palliative Medicine, recognised by the RACP (Royal Australasian College of Physicians) and the MCNZ (Medical Council of New Zealand)
- Experience working within a multi-disciplinary team
- Excellent English language communication skills – both verbal and written
- Experience in both hospital and hospice settings would be an added advantage
- Minimum 2 years' post-specialist qualification in a credentialed palliative care institution would be useful, but we have some flexibility for the right candidate.

Come and enjoy life away from the hustle and bustle of the city, whilst helping us forge the future of palliative care.

For more information about this role please contact Dr James Jap, Medical Director directly at: [james.jap@hospice.co.nz](mailto:james.jap@hospice.co.nz)

If your questions are more generic, Deana Barnard, Head of People & Capability, will be happy to guide you: [deana.barnard@hospice.co.nz](mailto:deana.barnard@hospice.co.nz)

- To apply please share your CV and cover letter to [hr.team@hospice.co.nz](mailto:hr.team@hospice.co.nz)
- A generous relocation package will be provided for your transition and settlement

*Totara Hospice as an organisation does not conscientiously object to anyone accessing their rights under the End of Life Choices Act when it passes into law in November this year. Our focus will remain, as it always has been, on delivering to the needs of our patients and whānau. We will respect and support patients who choose this option.*