

# ARTHROSCOPIC HIP SURGERY WITH MR JOHN O'DONNELL AT ST VINCENTS & MERCY PRIVATE HOSPITAL, MELBOURNE

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In 1998, St Vincents Private and Mercy Private merged to form one of Australia's largest private Catholic hospitals. The merger created a new, dynamic hospital – St Vincents & Mercy Private – and marked a significant milestone in Catholic healthcare history. For more than 70 years, two separate religious congregations - the Sisters of Charity and Sisters of Mercy - had run the hospitals independently.

## **Educational Goals and Characteristics**

The major focus of the fellowship is to train in arthroscopic reconstruction techniques involving minimally invasive surgery of the hip.

Particular areas of interest and expertise to be developed will include the following arthroscopic techniques:

- Hip Arthroscopy
- FAI Surgery, and
- Labral reconstruction

The fellow will act as a surgical assistant and observer in the private sectors, at the discretion of his/her supervisors. Counseling and guidance will be provided by the supervisors during the fellows attachment to the Department.

The fellow will become an observer within the Victorian Orthopaedic Surgical Training Program and will be encouraged to participate in the auditing and clinical research programs associated with the participating surgeons. The projects will be structured in such a manner as to complement the training and enhance the fellow's knowledge and expertise.

## **Requirements**

Applicants must hold or be eligible to hold, a current certificate of registration to practice medicine in the state of Victoria. Fellows and their families are responsible for their own Health Insurance. As this is a clinical fellowship, good interpersonal skill and English language are required. IELTS pass of 7 in all four components is mandatory.



## Fellowship Locations

The fellowship involves working at a number of locations including the following:

- St Vincents & Mercy Private Hospital
- Bellbird Private Hospital
- Epworth Richmond Hospital

## Supervising Surgeon

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Stipend: Approx \$25,000 per 6 months.

## Dates & Duration

Two fellowships are offered annually, from January to June and July to December.

## Important Information for Applicants

- Due to high demand for Fellowships, it is recommended that applications be submitted at least 18 months in advance of the desired time for the Fellowship.
- To be eligible for the Fellowships Programs, applicants must have undertaken the academic version of the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test, or equivalent, and passed at Band Level 7 in each module, or be able to provide their secondary school results from a country where English is the native or first language. For further information, visit <http://www.ielts.org>
- All overseas applicants are expected to return to their country of origin at the conclusion of their Fellowship.
- Becoming a Fellow under this program will in no way be taken to constitute the Fellow as an employee of Smith & Nephew Surgical.

## Application for a Fellowship

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