

Volunteer Medical Staff

Background Information

The Organisation

Churches of Christ Medical Santo (Medical Santo) is a private, Not-For-Profit medical aid organisation established to provide Primary Health Services to the Northern Region of Vanuatu. Operating with support from Churches of Christ in Queensland, New Zealand and Vanuatu it secures funding from a variety of sources. Medical Santo is based in the town of Luganville on the island of Santo in Vanuatu and aims to provide high quality medical services to the local Ni-Vanuatu community, expatriate locals, and foreign visitors and tourists. While a separate, independent organisation, the focus for Medical Santo is to operate in partnership and support of the local Vanuatu Health Services.

Mission/Vision

Medical Santo exists to provide the people of Northern Vanuatu with a medical clinic service using visiting medical officers, nursing and paramedical staff and locally trained medical professionals. The practice concentrates on primary health care with general practitioner consultations, paediatrics, women's Health, diabetes, hypertension, wound management and oral hygiene. This may also include emergency medical treatment, pre hospital and pre clinic response and treatment (as the service can be activated for emergencies outside the regular clinic hours). Our vision is for a healthier Vanuatu with reduced mortality and morbidity by "Changing Lives" both physically and spiritually.

Location

Luganville, called "Santo" by people from Vanuatu's northern islands, is located on the large island of Espiritu Santo. It is the second largest city in Vanuatu with a population of around 15,000 and a total on the island of Espiritu Santo of around 45,000. Luganville is one of Vanuatu's busiest ports.

The current population of Luganville comprises a vast majority of ni-Vanuatu but also has a small population of Chinese and European descendants.

Luganville has the second largest hospital in Vanuatu called Northern Provincial Hospital that is responsible for 60% or 145,000 people from the Northern Islands of a total population of 250,000. It relies heavily on Aid assistance from overseas countries.

There are significant tourist opportunities in this northern area of Vanuatu. It is Medical Santo's focus to ensure all staff and volunteers have a balanced lifestyle and make the most of this South Pacific paradise whilst working with the organisation. This is one of the rewards we can provide for you when taking up this role. Many opportunities are available including SCUBA diving, caving, and exploring the natural beaches and freshwater lagoons on Santo while you provide humanitarian medical aid in Vanuatu.

Role Information

The Role

This is a volunteer role with Medical Santo and is responsible to provide expertise in your field of medicine to patients at the Medical Santo clinic, in the rural communities and at the Santo hospital. You will be under the direction of and report to the Medical Supervisor and Clinical Practice Manager.

Key Performance Criteria

- A will and passion to provide humanitarian aid to the people of Vanuatu in a volunteer role. The ability to provide your services during rostered daytime hours and then be available to be called for emergency situations after hours if necessary.
- Provide a high quality service to all patients presenting for care within the expertise of your medical ability and clinical experience.
- Be responsible and accountable for the clinical care, training and education you provide ensuring you stay within Medical Santo Operations Manual.
- When the opportunity exists provide Medical Santo with developmental ideas and best practice strategies, using research, current trends or clinical expertise in the modified clinical setting of the developing nation of Vanuatu.
- Promote and be proactive in engaging with the local community in partnership with the local health authorities and key Ni-Vanuatu stake holders. On occasions be willing to integrate into the local Vanuatu Health Service to provide mentoring, training and clinical assistance.
- As part of our team, respond when necessary to out of clinic calls for emergency care, and coordinate help and direct operations within your expertise in accordance with the Operations Manual. This requires the ability to be called back to service 24 hrs a day if needed.
- Abide by all Vanuatu legislative, policy and procedural requirements.

Mandatory Requirements

1. Doctors and nurses need a current Registered Medical Health Certificate from Australia (AHPRA), New Zealand or your country of origin with accepted qualifications from a medical university.
2. Other medical staff, trainers and educators need a Registration Certificate from your country to practice your profession with accepted qualifications from a medical university or college.
3. Provide 3 referees to support your suitability for this position.

Key Selection Criteria

1. Qualifications within the current field of your medical profession from a University with demonstrated experience in your field.
2. Good communication skills with the ability to interact cross culturally within Vanuatu.
3. The ability to use limited resources to solve problems within a primary health clinic situation. This may include patients presenting for emergency health care including trauma.
4. Willing and able to work within a Christian Mission context using Medical Santo's philosophies, vision, and values.

Remuneration and Additional Notes

- This is a volunteer role which is negotiated for a minimum of two weeks to 12 months.
- Clean, basic, accommodation is provided by Medical Santo in Luganville with the opportunity for close dependants to be accommodated also.
- The applicant will gain significant experience in working within a developing country providing medical support within a humanitarian aid organisation.
- **This is a challenging and adventurous position where the personal and professional opportunities far out way the financial remuneration.**
- Previous experience in third world primary health care organisations, diabetes management, wound care, tropical health, midwifery, women's health, paediatrics, paramedic training, hypertension, substance abuse, pathology, oral hygiene, wound management, dentistry and or emergency care would be an advantage.

I acknowledge that I have read and understood the key result areas and other duties described in this Role Description and agree to carry out my duties to meet these outcomes to the best of my ability.

I have read, understand and will abide by the Medical Santo Operations Manual. I also understand that at times I may be required to undertake other duties relevant to the position that are not listed in this Role Description.

Name:			
Signature:		Date:	

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