

General Practitioner

Our Organisation

Churches of Christ Medical Santo

Churches of Christ Medical Santo (Medical Santo) is a not-for-profit medical aid organisation established in 2013 to provide primary health services to the Northern Region of Vanuatu. Operated by Churches of Christ in Queensland, and with support from Churches of Christ New Zealand and Vanuatu, Medical Santo 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.

Mission/Vision

Our mission of 'bringing the light of Christ into communities' is founded on the teachings and values of Jesus Christ who calls on every one of us to be a light in the place we are in, through the expression of love.

Our vision is to bring lasting change into the lives of all those we interact with through providing support and the opportunity to capacity build local medical staff in a way which respects the local community and meets human needs both physically and spiritually. While a separate organization, Medical Santo is dedicated to working in partnership with the Vanuatu Ministry of Health and local Vanuatu Health Services.

Working with Medical Santo

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 often relies on assistance from overseas countries notably Australia, New Zealand, and China.

Benefits

Volunteers will gain significant experience in working within a third world country providing support to local citizens, expatriate visitors and residents within a humanitarian aid organisation.

Clean, basic, accommodation is provided in Luganville and there is the opportunity for close dependants to be accommodated also.

Medical Santo is committed to a balanced lifestyle for staff and volunteers whilst working with the organisation and there are many opportunities to explore this rich cultural and physical environment.

About the role

The Role

This volunteer General Practitioner will provide treatment within the individual's scope of expertise to all patients who present for care in the clinic, at the hospital or at outreach posts throughout northern Vanuatu and to contribute to the growth and development of appropriate and achievable health programs in line with the MOU between Medical Santo and the Vanuatu Ministry of Health.

Key Responsibilities

Clinical Responsibilities:

- Provide high quality, primary health care services to the community, in keeping with Vanuatu legislative, policy and procedural requirements
- Provide appropriate care and services to patients of all age ranges and level of health care needs within scope of expertise and experience.
- Respond to medical/ health problems presented by patients including history taking, diagnosis, investigation, treatment and referral as appropriate.
- Provide after hours, on call and hospital services as rostered if applicable.
- Prescribe for patients as appropriate to need.
- Provide appropriate health promotion and preventative health care advice within the clinic environment and outreach programs;
- Ordering diagnostic tests as required.
- Referring patients to other providers as appropriate.

Operational Responsibilities:

- Record and maintain accurate, adequate and relevant patient records using the established practice protocols and computerised medical records system, including but not excluding details of:
 - Specialist referrals
 - Previous health and family history
 - Prescriptions
 - Investigations
 - Treatment
 - Diagnostic results
 - Registers and recalls
 - Actively communicate and coordinate with colleagues, specialist services and allied health professionals when sharing the care of a patient

Mandatory Requirements

- Evidence of current qualifications and authority to practise
- Current Criminal History Clearance or equivalent
- Working with Children Suitability Check
- Current passport that is valid for at least 6 months after completion of assignment
- Evidence of all required immunisations
- Provide 2 professional referees to support suitability for this position
- Abide by the Terms and Conditions of the Volunteer Assignment

Key Selection Criteria

- A will and passion to provide humanitarian aid to the people of Vanuatu in a volunteer role
- The ability to work in the Clinic during rostered daytime hours as well as being available to be called for emergency situations.
- Minimum qualification from a recognised University within the current field of your medical practice, with some demonstrated experience in a clinical position which includes the diversities of that clinical field.
- Good communication skills with the ability to interact with indigenous people within the context of their lifestyle situation.
- The ability to use limited resources to solve clinical problems within a primary health clinic situation which may include patients presenting for emergency health care including trauma.
- Willing and able to work within a Christian Mission context of Churches of Christ Medical Santo's mission, vision and values.

Declaration

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Key Responsibilities as set out in this role description. I agree to perform all tasks to the best of my ability and within the context of the Mission and Values of the organisation and cultural sensitivity of our host country.

I acknowledge and accept that I may be asked to undertake other relevant duties that are not listed in the role description.

Volunteer

Name:

Signature:

Date:

Group Manager Volunteer Services

Name:

Signature:

Date:

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