



**Senior Staff Specialist or Staff Specialist or  
Senior Medical Officer (Intensivist)  
Hervey Bay Hospital, Queensland**

The Department of Intensive Care Services at Hervey Bay Hospital is looking for the right person to serve as our 3<sup>rd</sup> Intensive Care Specialist, joining our highly motivated and dynamic team of Nurses, Allied Health professionals and Doctors.

The Hervey Bay Hospital caters to the needs of the Fraser Coast community that is estimated to be 110,000 strong and rapidly growing, as one of Australia's top 10 fastest growing regions, in addition to being a beautiful tourist destination with a large number of seasonal visitors, being a leisurely 3 hour drive north of Brisbane.

<https://www.health.qld.gov.au/widebay/hospital-profiles/facility-herveybay>

<https://www.visitfrasercoast.com/destinations/hervey-bay>

The ICU in Hervey Bay Hospital is the principle provider of Intensive Care Services to patients in the Fraser Coast, admitted to over 300 inpatient beds across Hervey Bay Hospital, St. Stephen's Pvt. Hospital and Maryborough Hospital, as well as a number of smaller rural hospitals within the Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service. The Intensive Care Service in the Fraser Coast operates in a closed-collaborative model, providing Critical Care for patients needing multi-organ system support, working closely with a great team of committed, experienced, high performing clinicians across a range of medical and surgical specialties. We are well integrated with the Emergency Department, operating seamlessly within the Division of Critical Care, which also includes Radiology, Pathology, Pharmacy and Allied Health Services.

The department of Intensive Care in Hervey Bay Hospital operates from an 8 bedded mixed medical /surgical unit with CICM level 2 capabilities (paediatric Level 1) and can accommodate a maximum of 4 patients requiring invasive ventilation simultaneously, with an additional 2 patients who can receive NIV and 2 patients who can receive CRRT / Plasmapheresis simultaneously. Any unoccupied beds in the unit are often allocated to relatively low acuity "Coronary Care Patients" looked after by the physicians. Capacity investment has

taken place within Hervey Bay with an exciting new DEM within a 3-storey building in January 2019, releasing space to develop other services. The current ICU bed capacity constraints result in a relatively high outreach workload for the ICU team, with most "HDU level" patients being reviewed and cleared for ward based management with regular ICU outreach follow-up, along with running a RRT service with a relatively high MET call rate in the hospital. We provide additional outreach services for both inpatients and outpatients, including routine PICC line and Dialysis Catheter placements as well as elective cardioversion and emergency trans-venous pacing.

The ICU caters to an ever-increasing caseload that is projected to exceed 620 (ICU only) admissions this year, with a diverse case-mix and high acuity with complex comorbidities (average APACHE 2 score 16 -18) and achieving exceptional efficiency with a low SMR and length of stay, despite several operational challenges.

Our ideal candidate would be highly skilled and driven to make a difference to patient welfare in such a challenging environment in this relatively underserved region. They must dedicate themselves with enthusiasm to sustain a high quality of care and expand the scope of the service to CICM level 3 (and G12 training accreditation) by exercising professional leadership in mentoring all clinical staff including Registrars/RMOs and promoting a transparent, collaborative, educative, patient centric and pleasant work culture.

Echocardiography training & simulation skills are highly desirable, as is a friendly nature and taking pride in providing exemplary service with a smile.

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