Hospital Pharmacy Visit Outline

The primary objective of your hospital pharmacy visit is to gain a basic understanding of what hospital pharmacists do with regards to optimising patient care. Remember, at the end of the day, our role as practising pharmacists – regardless of where we work – is to ensure that patients are able to receive quality healthcare that addresses each individual’s needs at the point(s) of care, and beyond.

At your visit to the Royal Hobart Hospital (RHH), you will be split into two groups. One group will firstly be taken around the hospital wards, and the other group will firstly be taken to the pharmacy department. Once you have completed your orientation at either the hospital wards or the pharmacy department, you will then swap locations (e.g. if you started with a tour around the hospital wards, you will then be taken on a tour around the pharmacy department).

Below is a brief outline (in no particular order) of what to expect during your hospital visit:

- Different roles & responsibilities of pharmacists that work in a hospital setting
- Daily duties within each role
- Working conditions (e.g. working hours, workload)
- Outpatient dispensing – similarities and differences with community pharmacy dispensing
- Processes involved to getting the right medication to the right patient
- How to ensure patients’ needs are met
- Research/professional development – How do hospital pharmacists stay up-to-date, and ensure that they can continue to provide optimal patient care in this era?