Advanced Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Fellowship

Position description
The Department of Otolaryngology, head and neck surgery at Prince Of Wales Hospital, Randwick, Sydney offers a 6 month or one year fellowship in advanced facial reconstructive surgery. It is designed to prepare the fellow for a broad array of conditions facing a reconstructive surgeon, with a particular focus on acquired facial, and facial nerve disorders and its comprehensive management.

The training is focused on achieving competency and advanced skills in:

Facial reanimation techniques, including nerve transfers, static procedures, and selective myectomy.

Management of disorders of the facial nerve, including incomplete facial nerve recovery and synkinesis, and selective neurolysis. Reconstruction of the head and neck, including local and regional flap reconstruction. Ageing facial surgery, including volume augmentation, neurotoxins.

Rhinoplasty – cosmetic and functional, and complex total, and near total nasal reconstruction. Facial trauma management.

Scar revision and wound management.

Oculoplastics skills including ptosis repair, lid weighting, blepharoplasty, brow lifting
Facelifts and other facial rejuvenation techniques.

Please note: There is no microvascular aspect offered in this fellowship.

<u>Clinical expectations</u>
The fellowship incorporates several integrated settings – a tertiary public hospital, for both outpatient, and Surgical experience, and offsite private practice (cosmetic and functional, Surgical and Medical experience), several private hospitals (surgical experience). These locations are all within the Sydney greater metropolitan area, and the Fellow would be at one location daily on a rotating basis.

The Fellow functions as an integral member of a busy facial reconstructive unit, with cases performed in a graduated, hands-on manner by the Fellow with the supervising surgeon.

The fellow conducts his/her own facial nerve outpatient clinic under supervision by Associate Professor Catherine Meller located at Prince Of Wales Hospital Randwick once per month, and sees all newly referred patients with facial nerve disorders on the campus.

Research responsibilities

A research project producing a manuscript suitable for publication and presentation is required during the fellowship.

The affiliation with University of New South Wales offers opportunities for collaborative research in both clinical and basic science.

Supervision and teaching expectations

The Fellow acts as a surgical mentor within the department, and is expected to participate in regular teaching, as well as supervising registrars. The fellow may be assigned lectures to give at teaching opportunities within the hospital, and one ground rounds to be presented to the department per year. They are expected to attend the AAFPS courses and any dissection workshops to observe and provide assistance to attendees and faculty.

Fellowship director

Associate Professor Catherine Meller
MBBS (Hons), FRACS (OHNS), MBA, BAppSc(NMT), MCL

Fellowship Co-Supervisors

Dr Sim Choroomi
Dr Geoff Wilcsek
Dr George Marcells

Principal locations

Prince Of Wales, Hospital, Randwick, Sydney
Sydney Centre for Ear, Nose, Throat – Northern Beaches, Sydney
Australian Centre for Facial Recovery – North Shore, Sydney

Additional locations

North Shore Private Hospital, St Leonards.
Castlecrag Private Hospital, Castlecrag.
Macquarie University Hospital
Bondi Junction Day Surgery, Bondi Junction.
East Sydney Private Hospital
Strathfield Private Hospital
Kogarah Private Hospital
Chatswood Private Hospital3
Miranda Day Surgery (oculoplastics only)

Daytime duties
Ward round for any inpatients prior to start of surgery or clinic
Daily duties based on rotating four weekly roster.

After hours work in relation to facial reconstructive patients only, on a prn basis.
On Call duties.
N/A

Start date
TBC

Salary
This fellowship is self funded by the applicant. A/Prof Meller is happy to support the candidates requests for grants if required.

Additional Projected Income (Private assistant billings) AUD $800-1000/week

Accommodation
At Fellows expense: Guide – 1 bedroom apartment in Randwick $450-$460/wk
Car/drivers licence strongly recommended.

Requirements
Certified surgeon in the specialty of Otolaryngology and Head and neck surgery, or plastic and reconstructive surgery.

Selection process
Interview – online or in person.

Application documents
CV, cover letter, English proficiency test (if applicable)

Expected Caseload Exposure
A/Prof Catherine Meller

- Prince of Wales Outpatient Facial Nerve multidisciplinary clinic; 65-75 facial nerve encounters per year/85-100 patients seen per year
    - 20+ ENOG/year
- SCENT; 600 facial nerve encounters per year
- Operative reanimation/facial nerve cases per year; approx. 40
- Complex Rhinoplasty per year; 80-90

Dr Sim Choroomi

- Complex Rhinoplasty per year; 150-200 (public/private)
- Filler/facial injectables weekly (private)

Dr George Marcells

- Deep plane facelift; 2-4 full day operating lists per month (private)

Dr Geoff Wilscek

- Oculoplastics; 2-4 operating lists per month (public/private)