



A HEALTH AND WELL-BEING
REFERENCE FOR WA JMOS

Postgraduate Medical Council
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This support guide has been collated for WA junior doctors by:

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Junior Doctor Health and Well-Being

It is well known that your intern and Resident Medical Officer years are an intense, challenging and frequently stressful time that will test you both clinically and personally.

If you or a colleague are finding things overwhelming or are experiencing any difficulties in your personal or professional life, help and support is available. The key message is to talk to someone about it and remember that you are not alone.

A good junior doctor is one that knows how and when to ask for help.

Need Help?

Help is available. There are support services both within your hospital and externally to assist anyone who is in need of support or advice.

Talk to someone. When you need help, you just need to ask for it. Talk to your family, friends, colleagues, GP, registrars, supervisors, Directors of Clinical Training, Medical Education Officer – there are many people who you can talk about any difficulties you are experiencing.

GP

Doctors need doctors. All junior doctors are encouraged to have their own personal GP. A GP will be able to provide you with holistic and objective advice and care. If you do not have a GP, get a recommendation from a friend, family member or colleague. Alternatively you can ask a local pharmacist, search online or contact the Doctors' Health Advisory Service.

Doctors' Health Advisory Service

If you want to talk to someone anonymously the Doctors' Health Advisory Service is an independent, confidential, 24-hour service staffed by experienced doctors for doctors in crisis, or those who are not sure where to go for help. Calls can be made anonymously by the person themselves, a family member, colleague or friend.

Phone: (08) 9231 3098 (available 24/7)

Further information available at:

www.adhn.org.au/contact/western-australia

Employee Assistance Program

A free, professional and completely confidential counselling service is provided for public sector employees, either over the telephone or in person, and is available 24/7. Employees and immediate family members can receive three counselling sessions for any issue where counselling is required. Employers do not find out who accesses this service.

<https://healthpoint.hdwa.health.wa.gov.au/workingathealth/staffsupport/Pages/employee-assistance-program.aspx>

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Further information is available through:

Converge International

1300 687 327

www.convergeinternational.com.au

Optum

1300 361 008

www.optum.com.au

The WA Country Health Service Employee Assistance Program providers vary by region and information is available on the WACHS Intranet Page:

<http://wachs.hdwa.health.wa.gov.au/index.php?id=10785>

Chaplain/Pastoral Services

Most hospitals offer a confidential chaplain service to staff as well as patients.

Postgraduate Medical Education Units

The Medical Education Unit at your hospital is always available to provide support and discuss any personal or professional concerns or issues.

Fiona Stanley Hospital

Chaplain, Pastoral Services

Via the help desk:
6152 2222

Onsite from 8:00am – 4:00pm and there is an on-call chaplain service after hours. Located on the ground floor - main hospital concourse, corridor left of Stanley Flowers, under the doctor's common room.

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King Edward Memorial Hospital

Chaplain, Pastoral Services

9340 8256
24 hour on-call service. A Block, Level 1.

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Perth Children's Hospital

Chaplain, Pastoral Services	9340 8670 After Hours: 9340 8222 Located in the Multi Faith Centre. 24 hour on-call service.
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Medical Education Officer	Mr Robert Evans PGME@health.wa.gov.au ; 9340 7099

Royal Perth Hospital

Chaplain, Pastoral Services	9224 2482 24 hour on-call service. Level 4, N Block, Colonial House, Wellington Street Campus. Muslim Prayer Room: 9:00am to 5:00pm. Ground Floor, Ainslie House.
JMO Wellbeing Officer	Dr Rich Read 9224 2342, 0416 228 326
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Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital

Chaplain, Pastoral Services

9346 3425

24 hour on-call service. Ground Floor, E Block
(Gairdner & Verdun Entrance).

Muslim Prayer Hall: First Floor, E Block next to the
library.

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WA Country Health Services – General Enquiries

Chaplain, Pastoral Services

Chaplain and Pastoral Services are coordinated at
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Unit for additional details.

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Medical Education Officer

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WA Country Health Services – Goldfields Region – Kalgoorlie Health Campus

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WA Country Health Services – Pilbara – Hedland Health Campus

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If your hospital is not listed above, please visit the PMCWA website for MEO contact details: ww2.health.wa.gov.au/About-us/Postgraduate-Medical-Council/Education-and-Training/Medical-Education-Officers or contact PMCWA for the contact details of your Postgraduate Medical Education Unit.

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Further Information

There are a vast range of support and resources available online for any challenges you may be experiencing.

Organisation	Contact	Details
Junior Doctor Health/Help		
Australian Medical Association Doctors' Health	(08) 9273 3000 https://ama.com.au/resources/doctors-health	Resources, tools and information on doctors' health and wellbeing.
Doctors' Health Advisory Service	(08) 9321 3098 (available 24/7) www.adhn.org.au/contact/western-australia www.dhas.org.au/resources/resources-for-junior-medical-officers.html http://www.dhaswa.com.au/drs-for-drs/	An independent, confidential, 24-hour service staffed by experienced doctors for doctors in crisis or not sure where to go for help. Calls can be anonymous and made by the person themselves, a family member, colleague or friend. The 'doctors for doctors list' – a list of doctors who have expressed an interest in doctors' health – and willing to see a doctor (and medical student) patients as a priority.
Health and Wellbeing of Junior Doctors	www.jmohealth.org.au	Website targeting junior doctors and the issues that can lead to mental health problems, with self-assessment tools and advice.
Mental Health – URGENT HELP		
Emergency Services	000	In an emergency.
Lifeline	13 11 14 (available 24/7) www.lifeline.org.au	Crisis support with a key focus on suicide prevention.
Mens Line Australia	1300 78 99 78 (available 24/7) www.mensline.org.au	Supports men who are dealing with family, relationship and well-being difficulties.
Suicide Call Back Service	1300 659 467 (available 24/7) http://suicidcallbackservice.org.au	Free nationwide telephone and online counselling for anyone affected by suicide, or suicidal thoughts.
Mental Health and Well-Being		
Beyondblue	1300 224 636 (available 24/7) www.beyondblue.org.au	Information on depression, anxiety and how to help yourself, or a friend in need.
Mindhealthconnect	www.mindhealthconnect.org.au	Mental health and well-being information, support and services.
MindSpot Clinic	1800 614 434 http://mindspot.org.au	Online and telephone clinic providing assessment and treatment for adults with anxiety and depression.
Mood Swings	www.moodswings.net.au	An online self-help program for bipolar disorder.
R-cubed	www.rcubed.org.au	Strategies for JMOs to build resilience.
Eating Disorders and Body Image		
Butterfly Foundation	1800 334 673 (weekdays 8am – 9pm AEST) http://thebutterflyfoundation.org.au	Butterfly's ED HOPE is Australia's national eating disorders support service providing phone, email and web counselling as well as a range of online resources.
Gambling		
Gambling Help Online	1800 858 858 (available 24/7) http://gamblinghelponline.org.au	Counselling, information and support online (email and live chat) and by phone for people experiencing gambling issues.

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Relationships and Assault		
1800 Respect	1800 737 732 (available 24/7) www.1800respect.org.au	National sexual assault, domestic family violence counselling service.
Blue Knot Foundation	1300 657 380 www.blueknot.org.au	A service to adult survivors of childhood abuse, their friends and family and the health care professionals who support them.
Relationships Australia	1300 364 277 www.relationships.com.au	Support groups and counselling on relationships, and for abusive and abused partners.
Safe Relationships Project	1800 65 64 63 (available 24/7) www.anothercloset.com.au	Provides men and women in same sex relationships with support, advocacy, referral and information.
White Ribbon	www.whiteribbon.org.au <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's Domestic Violence Helpline: 1800 007 339 or (08) 9223 1188 • Crisis Care: 1800 199 008 or (08) 9233 1111 • Sexual Assault Res. Centre: 1800 199 888 or (08) 9340 1828 • Men's Helpline: 1800 000 599 or (08) 9223 1199 	Male led campaign to end violence against women.
Sexuality and Gender		
Freedom Centre	(08) 9228 0354 www.freedom.org.au	Provides peer support services, information, referrals and a safe social place for young people (under 26) who are LGBTI.
Gender Centre	(02) 9519 7599 www.gendercentre.org.au	Gender Centre provides services which enhance the ability of transgender people to make informed choices.
Living Proud	1800 184 527 www.livingproud.org.au	LGBTI Community services of WA.
National LGBTI	(02) 8568 1123 http://lgbtihealth.org.au	Health-related programs, services and research focused on LGBTI and other sexuality and gender diverse people.
Substance Abuse		
Alcoholics Anonymous	1300 222 222 (available 24/7) www.aa.org.au	Program for recovery from alcohol abuse.
Alcohol and Drug Info Service	(08) 9442 5000 (available 24/7) www.dao.health.wa.gov.au	Confidential, non-judgemental 24/7 helpline for people seeking assistance with alcohol or other drug use.
Counselling Online	1800 198 024 – regional (08) 9442 5000 – metropolitan (available 24/7) www.counsellingonline.org.au	Confidential counselling and referral line for people using alcohol and other drugs.
Narcotics Anonymous	1300 652 820 (available 24/7) http://na.org.au	Program for recovery from drug abuse.