



Position Description

Position Title:	Research Nurse
Salary Range:	Research Nurse Salaries - Steps 2-4
Reporting Manager:	Kirsty Bowes
Home Group:	Population Allergy

Children are at the heart of everything we do.

The Murdoch Children's Research Institute (MCRI) is home to significant scientific discoveries. We believe there is an answer, a cure, or a better treatment for every childhood condition – and we are determined to find it.

We are a diverse team of world-leading researchers, doctors, engineers, and hardworking professionals in corporate and scientific services from all corners of the world with one shared goal – to transform child health worldwide.

Our strength lies in our partnership and co-location with The Royal Children's Hospital and the University of Melbourne – the Melbourne Children's Campus. This rare model amplifies opportunities to quickly translate research into clinical care.

At MCRI, you will also find our subsidiary organisation, the Victorian Clinical Genetics Services (VCGS), a specialist childhood, prenatal and adult genetics service. VCGS provides an integrated genetic consultation, counselling, testing and diagnostic support service to children, adults, families, and prospective parents.

Together, we share a powerful vision: re-imagine the future of child health.

What is it like to work for us?

We are committed to ensuring a positive working environment that values all backgrounds and experiences. We cultivate an inclusive culture that is underpinned by equal opportunity for all and a culture based on respect, consideration, and dignity. We are also committed to developing our People and fostering an environment where learning and development is central to our staff reaching their full potential.

Position Overview

As a motivated Research Nurse you will have an excellent attention to detail and an approachable, enthusiastic manner to join the busy clinical team for Population Allergy. The Population Allergy Clinic team supports many different Paediatric Allergy trials and research projects involved in the prevention, intervention, and treatment of food allergies. The Research Nurse will be required to conduct participant clinical assessments located at Melbourne Children's Trial Centre located at The Royal Children's Hospital. This would include oral food challenges, skin prick testing, eczema examination, taking body measurements such as height and weight and conducting diagnostic testing and entering all associated data into trial case report forms.

Key Accountabilities

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- Performs clinical allergy assessments including (but not limited to) basic measurements (height, weight, BP), skin prick testing, oral food challenges, spirometry, FeNo and SCORAD, in accordance with specified study protocols
 - Undertakes follow up activities, accordingly, including scheduling of appointments and clinical follow up after food challenges.
 - Ensures study questionnaires are completed by both parents and study participants as applicable
 - Participates in patient recruitment, ethics application processes and adverse event reporting as required
 - Demonstrates the knowledge, attributes and skills consistent with a Research Nurse working within a clinical research scope of practice.
 - Assists and contributes to data generation for research and publications
 - Promotes nursing involvement in research, and advocates for patients and families participating in research projects
 - Understands and speaks to the contribution of research to quality improvement projects
 - Conducts ethical research at the highest level of integrity and in line with the Australian Code for Responsible Conduct of Research, the principles of Good Clinical Practice and MCRI policies
 - Practises in accordance with legislation affecting nursing practice and healthcare, as well as within a professional and ethical nursing framework
 - Shares information and presents to others within the Research Group or Theme and seeks opportunities to contribute to the skill development of others
 - Is involved in the development of innovative approaches to research
 - Fosters relationships with key internal and external stakeholders
 - Is engaged in the campus culture, including participating in professional development activities and attendance at internal/external conferences and seminars
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Selection Criteria

Essential

- Bachelor of Nursing
- Applicable Nursing Registration - Division 1 with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA)
- Appropriate level of expertise gained from a combination of experience and or training
- Strong verbal communication and interpersonal skills
- Excellent time management skills, with ability to prioritise tasks and meet deadlines
- High attention to detail.
- Demonstrated experience in computer use including Microsoft Word, Outlook and Excel
- Ability to work independently, be self-motivated as well as part of a multi-disciplinary, diverse clinical team

Desirable

- (Desirable, not essential) Experience in Paediatric and/or Allergy and/or Immunisation Nursing
 - (Desirable) Good Clinical Practice (GCP) accreditation, training will be provided if required
 - (Desirable, not essential) Experience using databases such as REDCAP.
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Conditions of Employment

- Working with Children & National Police Clearance (if appointed) in compliance with the Victorian Governments Child Safety Standards
 - The right to reside and work in Australia and you meeting any applicable visa conditions
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Health, Safety & Wellbeing

- We are committed to providing and maintaining a working environment which protects the health, safety and wellbeing of our people, partners, and the community
 - Employees conducting duties on behalf of MCRI are expected to meet the environment, health and wellbeing requirements and responsibilities specifically required for the role
 - We are committed to supporting children in their right to be safe and adhere to the responsibilities we have to ensure their protection and safety as per the Child Safety Standards Policy
 - Specified positions may be subject to medical review to ensure that the inherent requirements of the role can be undertaken safely
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