

Anaesthesia on-call roster & day sessions **(effective January 2021)**

St John of God Murdoch Hospital is a busy tertiary private hospital that operates an emergency department. As part of the Hospital's Mission and Values, it seeks to provide the highest quality of clinical care and safest environment for patients and as such, seeks to provide a 24-hour, 7 day a week clinical service.

The Hospital operates two self-allocation roster systems - a General on-call roster in support of the Emergency Department and an Obstetric on-call roster. It also runs 'Emergency' & 'Non-Elective Obstetric' sessions during weekdays that require cover.

Participation in the on-call rosters is a MANDATORY requirement for ALL VMOs at SJG Murdoch Hospital. Participation will be monitored and taken into consideration when reviewing applications for further accreditation and/or re-accreditation.

Anaesthetists over the age of 60 years will be excused but certainly not excluded if they wish to participate. Regardless of age, all anaesthetists are encouraged to participate in the on-call rosters.

All new anaesthetists will be contacted by Honorine Enriquez, who co-ordinates both the General and Obstetric rosters, to establish their availability. Honorine can be contacted by email: MU-medical-services@sjog.org.au or telephone 0466 472 244. For urgent matters outside of business hours, please contact the Duty Manager on 08 9438 9001.

Day-time Emergency & Non-Elective Obstetric Sessions

Day-time shifts are split into am and pm 'sessions' and can be covered as a single entity or as a whole day. They require the covering Anaesthetists to be available at short notice, close by and not participating in any other sessions at the same time. By their nature, these sessions have a variable volume of cases. In recognition of this, from 1 February 2021 SJG Murdoch Hospital is commencing a three month trial during which 'retainer' fees will be offered for afternoon weekday Obstetric Anaesthetic shifts. The retainer fees for these sessions are outlined below, and are claimable via invoice if no work is undertaken. The retainer fee concept will be reviewed at the end of the trial period.

It is expected that Anaesthetists with regular elective Obstetric lists participate in the day-time non-elective sessions.

Retainer Rates				
Monday 1300-1900	Tuesday 1300-1900	Wednesday 1300-1900	Thursday 1300-1900	Friday 1300-1900
\$650.00	\$650.00	\$650.00	\$650.00	\$750.00



On-call cover requirements

It is expected that all accredited anaesthetists will participate in a minimum of 4 on-call shifts in a calendar year. This can be made up of 4 general shifts, 4 obstetric shifts or a combination of general and obstetric shifts.

Each individual is encouraged to self-allocate to find dates to cover that work for them. You may be contacted by the Medical Services Team to find a date if you have not self-allocated.

The Hospital will not be allocating anaesthetists to on-call shifts on public holidays, however, cover is still required and we encourage those who wish to be on-call on public holidays to self-allocate via the online portal as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

General on-call

Please note that between the hours of 11pm and 7am the general on-call anaesthetist's services will be strictly limited to those cases considered to be of a life or limb threatening nature. Examples of such cases may include acute GIT perforations, active bleeding, gangrenous bowel, severe life-threatening intra-abdominal sepsis and acutely ischemic limbs. It is anticipated that there would be approximately six or so occasions per year that would meet these criteria, and as such, this requirement should have little impact on current work practice for anaesthetists.

Should the on-call anaesthetist not be available for their on-call shift, please note it is incumbent on the anaesthetist to make suitable arrangements for cover and to communicate these arrangements to Honorine.

Obstetric on-call

The Obstetric on-call roster at SJG Murdoch Hospital operates overnight, and anaesthetists that meet the accreditation requirement of 4 on-call shifts are exempt from participating in the general anaesthetic on call roster.

Once you are accredited at Murdoch, and when new roster shifts are released, please allocate yourself to available shifts as soon as possible. The rosters are monitored and reviewed regularly, and if you do not have any shifts assigned, you will be allocated shifts with a minimum of 4 weeks notice. If the shifts you have been allocated are not suitable, please contact Honorine with alternative dates.



The following table provides current on-call rates, please note these have been aligned across the rosters:

General On-Call	Time	No. Hours	Total	Hourly Rate
Weekday nights	6pm – 11pm	5	\$145.00	\$29.00
Friday nights	6pm – 11pm	5	\$180.00	\$36.00
Weekends and Public Holidays	8am – 11pm	15	\$630.00	\$42.00

Obstetric On-Call	Time	No. Hours	Total	Hourly Rate
Weekday nights (Mon-Thurs)	7pm - 7am	12	\$348.00	\$29.00
Friday nights	7pm - 8am	13	\$468.00	\$36.00
Saturday and Public Holidays	8am - 8am	24	\$1008.00	\$42.00
Sunday and Public Holidays	8am – 7am	23	\$966.00	\$42.00

Obstetric Week Day On-Call	Time	No. Hours	No On-Call Rate
Morning Shift	7am – 1pm	6	\$0.00
Afternoon Shift	1pm – 7pm	6	\$0.00

To claim the on-call payment or retainer fee, please submit a tax invoice, providing your ABN and detailing the dates and hours of on-call provided, to:

St John of God Health Care Inc Accounts
PO Box 1833
Osborne Park DC WA 6916

Or email to: group.accountspayable@sjog.org.au

Thank you for assisting St John of God Murdoch Hospital to ensure the highest standards of patient safety through your participation in the anaesthetic on-call rosters.