



## emergency department employment opportunities at

- southland hospital, invercargill, nz
- lakes district hospital, queenstown, nz

### clinical director welcome



Dr Martin Watts,  
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"Welcome to  
Southland Hospital,  
Invercargill and

Lakes District Hospital, Queenstown, located in southern New Zealand. Our two hospital emergency departments are currently seeking Senior Medical Officers to support the service. Working a shift pattern providing 24-hour cover, the successful applicants will preferably have achieved EMST/ATLS, ACLS or APLS.

This opportunity – available in both Invercargill and Queenstown - would suit SMOs who are keen to develop their career within a supportive team environment; or more senior consultants who are considering a lifestyle change and a role that is clinically rewarding. These permanent positions offer attractive remuneration, relocation assistance and CME allowance.

Southland Hospital is a fantastic modern 181-bed facility with an excellent layout and a pleasant working environment. The hospital is the ideal size in that you

see a wide variety of emergency medicine cases and have access to an impressive range of diagnostics, yet it is small enough that you can still get to know the staff. The workload is manageable and organised allowing more opportunity to practise your specialist emergency medicine clinical skills with a thorough approach and without the stress.

Lakes District Hospital is a smaller 22-bed facility set in NZ's adventure capital, Queenstown, where staff are attracted to outdoor oriented activities including skiing, rock climbing, white water rafting, kayaking, and other endurance sports. Here our Medical Officers combine their emergency medicine expertise with general medicine and inpatient care.

Having trained and worked in the UK for a number of years, coming to Southland, New Zealand was a major lifestyle change for the better for my family. For an initial



discussion regarding this opportunity, I **welcome you to contact me directly:**  
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- Martin Watts.

## southland hospital, invercargill, nz



Southland Hospital is a brand new 181-bed secondary level 4 base hospital, which opened in November 2004, and is located in Invercargill City, New Zealand. The Emergency Department supports a rural/urban **population of 110,000** spread across a wide geographical area encompassing Stewart Island, Te Anau, Gore, Queenstown and Invercargill City.

As the base hospital, the emergency department sees a wide range of cases with up to **30,000 presentations per annum**. The department has capacity to hold twenty-one beds and has an open plan design with a central station, which provides visibility to most clinical areas. The helicopter pad is located 50 metres from the department and the 5-ambulance bay. A de-contamination area, seclusion room and negative pressure room are also included in the department.



PACS digital radiology and an electronic patient administration system (PAS) are hospital wide and connected with Lakes District Hospital in Queenstown. The

emergency department also has the latest model dedicated ED Ultrasound scanner and encourages its use. The department is co-located with a state of the art Medical Imaging service, which includes MRI, 16-slice CT, X-Ray, Ultrasound (pictured below) and Nuclear Medicine.



**Department staffing** is for 3 Emergency Medicine Specialist Consultants, a team of 8 Medical Officers and 6 House Officers. Medical staff are well supported by a highly skilled nursing staff that perform cannulations, and intravenous procedures. Teamwork is an essential part of our philosophy and our team coordinates with other services during times of overload. The department maintains close ties with tertiary hospitals based in Dunedin, Christchurch and Auckland, whilst liaison with our primary care health professionals is continuing to develop and grow as we strengthen the primary/secondary care interface. There are vast opportunities for training and experience in the Emergency Department. Regular interactive teaching sessions take place within the department and Registrars, House Surgeons and Trainee Interns all gain valuable exposure. We are closely linked with the University of Otago's School of Medicine.



## lakes district hospital, queenstown, nz



Lakes District Hospital is situated in, Frankton, Queenstown and services all the communities in the Queenstown-Lakes District,

including Garston, Kingston, Glenorchy, Queenstown, Arrowtown, and the Wakatipu Basin.



Queenstown is known as New Zealand's adventure capital with its bungy jumping, jet boating, ski fields and magnificent lake Wakatipu. Queenstown is also home to superb wineries producing top quality pinot noir. Queenstown has a vibrant resort town atmosphere – especially during tourist peak times.



With the Remarkables Mountains behind the hospital and Lake Wakatipu at the front of the hospital, Lakes District Hospital staff enjoy a fantastic scenic work environment every day, across the four seasons. Lakes District Hospital is 2 1/2 hours from our base hospital by road and 45 minutes by helicopter.

There are **1 million visitors** to the district annually with a **permanent population of 23,000 people**. It is a culturally diverse community with a large Brazilian community, Filipinos, Korean, Thai, and other South Americans.

Lakes District Hospital staff see a variety of work with up to **400 ED presentations per month with up to 50 transfers to secondary or tertiary hospitals** (Southland Hospital and Dunedin Hospital).

The hospital consists of 21 beds, with a mix of maternity, hospital level elderly care and acute medical. The emergency service is Level 2, providing assessment and stabilisation.

The hospital has PACS digital radiology enabling simultaneous review with Southland Hospital based radiologists and consultants – minimizing unnecessary transfers of patients.



There is a strong multidisciplinary team structure as well as good linkages with the local GPs, aged residential care facility (which is co-located in the same premises), needs assessment and service coordination and midwifery staff (there is a primary birthing unit at the hospital).

Other hospital services include:

- 6 Disability Support Services (DSS) Long Stay Elderly Hospital Care beds
- 10 beds for Inpatient Acute Care
- 5 Maternity beds
- Outpatient Clinics and Day Surgery
- Allied Health physio, OT, social work, SLT and district nursing.
- Diagnostics include bed-side ultrasound, X-Ray and laboratory
- Mental Health Services are co-located to the hospital and provide a wide range of services

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## southland and queenstown lifestyle

Located in the lower South Island, Southland is home to **New Zealand's iconic, premier scenic destinations** or Queenstown, Milford Sound, Fiordland National Park and Stewart Island.



If you love the outdoors and are looking for a safe, smaller sized city or resort town lifestyle with wide open spaces, excellent schools and the ability to pursue your hobbies and spend time with your family after work each day, then Invercargill City and Queenstown are ideally suited.



The Southland/Queenstown district offers the best in outdoors life with:

- two of New Zealand's National Parks
- superb hiking and wildlife spotting
- four main ski fields in easy reach
- mountain, road and track cycling
- rock/mountain climbing
- hunting
- lakes for boating
- beaches for surfing
- fly-fishing and coastal diving

**No traffic jams to get in your way!**

**Queenstown** is situated at the foot of the Remarkables Mountains where the majestic Lake Wakatipu sparkles. Known as the adventure capital of New Zealand with its Bungy Jumping, snowboarding and white water rafting pursuits, Queenstown is also home to fantastic wineries, stunning scenery, and a vibrant resort town atmosphere, especially during tourist peak times.



**Invercargill City** is a modern city with facilities including a brand new indoor cycling velodrome and sporting complex; the Splash Palace swimming centre; central Queens Park, Oreti Beach, golf courses, cafes and restaurants. This combined with excellent schools; free tertiary education at the Southern Institute of Technology; affordable house prices and short commute times in a friendly, safe community, make Invercargill the place where you really can enjoy the good life. The friendly, welcoming spirit of Southland will ensure you and your family quickly settle in.



We welcome your enquiry and an initial discussion.

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