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Consultant Anaesthetist – Dental Anaesthesia (Adult and/or Paediatric)

<u>Sleep Dentistry Services</u> is expanding its out-of-hospital dental anaesthesia program and inviting applications for Consultant Anaesthetist – Dental Anaesthesia positions (Paediatric and/or Adult) commencing January 2026. This unique opportunity enables you to deliver hospital-quality care to dental patients in the community, working in state-of-the-art mobile general anaesthesia clinics. These are distinct but related roles – one focusing on paediatric dental GA and one on adult day-case dental GA – offered on a casual or part-time basis. You may choose to work in the paediatric role, the adult role, or a combination of both, depending on your expertise and interest

Key Highlights

- **Flexible schedule** Full-day sessions on weekdays only (no weekends, no on-call). Enjoy an excellent work-life balance with predictable hours.
- **Remuneration** \$600 per hour plus 12.4% superannuation, reflecting the specialised nature of the work.
- **Licensed mobile hospital clinics** Deliver anaesthesia in accredited mobile GA dental clinics under the Victorian Department of Health's *Mobile Anaesthesia* framework, ensuring hospital-grade standards, with the full range of sedation to general anaesthesia for patients in community settings.
- **Supportive, collegial team** Work under the guidance of a senior academic anaesthetist and an experienced Director of Nursing, alongside friendly, motivated dental teams in a relaxed, collaborative environment. (Escape the hospital bureaucracy while maintaining high clinical standards.)
- **Meaningful impact** Serve an area of unmet dental anaesthesia need, improving access to GA services for those who need it, especially children who require dental treatment under GA. Your work will make a real difference to underserved patients.
- Academic engagement Benefit from academic supervision and mentorship in an innovation-driven service (led by a senior academic consultant). Opportunities are available for teaching, supervising



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trainees, and contributing to research and publications in this emerging field.

- Innovative research Pursue unique research avenues, including ultrasound-guided techniques, dental nerve mapping, and advanced regional anaesthesia protocols for dental patients. We encourage and support research initiatives that improve patient outcomes.
- Service development Play a key role in shaping a pioneering distributed anaesthesia service. You'll have the opportunity to influence clinical protocols and contribute to the development of a new model of care in mobile anaesthesia.
- Multiple locations Sessions available across a wide range of sites, including Melbourne metro, Geelong, Ballarat, South East & South West Melbourne, Surrey Hills and Werribee. (Travel remuneration and scheduling can be tailored accordingly.)

Paediatric Dental Anaesthesia Role

As a Paediatric Anaesthetist on our team, you will administer general anaesthesia for children (aged 4 and over) undergoing dental procedures – from routine dental restorations to frenectomies – in a mobile clinic setting. You will work closely with paediatric dentists and skilled nursing staff to ensure safe, efficient care for each child. This role brings hospital-grade anaesthetic standards into community dental clinics, significantly improving access to essential dental treatments for children outside the traditional hospital environment. It's a chance to make a genuine difference in paediatric dental care while enjoying a family-friendly work schedule.

Adult Dental Anaesthesia Role

As an Adult Anaesthetist in our service, you will provide general anaesthesia for adult patients undergoing day-case dental surgeries in our mobile clinics. These procedures are often lengthy (4–6 hours), including full-arch implant surgeries (All-on-4), complete dental clearances, other complex dental treatments, as well as shorter general dentistry procedures (extractions, clean, fillings, crowns, etc.). You'll collaborate with experienced dental surgeons and anaesthetic nurses to maintain hospital-level care standards in the clinic, safely managing ASA 1–2 patients outside a hospital setting. Given the independent nature and complexity of this role, it is best suited to a consultant with around 5–10 years of experience (or significant solo



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anaesthesia practice capability) to confidently lead anaesthesia in a stand-alone environment. (Training and support can be provided as needed for specific dental anaesthesia techniques, such as dental regional anaesthesia and non-relaxant nasal intubation)

Qualifications & Requirements

- **Credentials:** Fellowship of ANZCA (FANZCA) or equivalent specialist qualification in anaesthesia, and current registration with AHPRA as a Specialist Anaesthetist.
- **Clearances:** Current Working With Children Check and National Police Check (required for working with paediatric patients and in community settings).
- Experience (Adult role): Minimum 5–10 years post-FANZCA experience (or substantial independent/solo anaesthesia experience) is highly desirable for the Adult Dental Anaesthetist position. You should be comfortable working autonomously to hospital standards in a non-hospital environment.
- Expertise (Paediatric role): Experience or interest in paediatric anaesthesia is essential for the Paediatric Dental Anaesthetist position. You excel at working with children and multidisciplinary teams (paediatric dentists, nurses) to deliver safe care for young patients.
- **Professional qualities**: A strong commitment to patient safety, clinical excellence, and teamwork in an out-of-hospital setting. You value quality improvement and are adaptable to novel clinical environments (mobile/office-based theatres).

Expressions of Interest

Join us in delivering an innovative service that offers an excellent work-life balance, strong professional support, and the chance to truly make a difference in dental care. If this opportunity excites you, we encourage you to reach out!

Apply via SEEK - <u>adult</u>, <u>paediatric</u>.

We look forward to welcoming a like-minded colleague to our friendly, forward-thinking team and shaping the future of dental anaesthesia together.