

Epilepsy Fellow, Auckland City Hospital

A position is available for an epilepsy fellow in Auckland, New Zealand. Auckland is New Zealand's largest city and a great place to live and work. The neurology department at Auckland hospital is the largest in Australasia.

The fellow will be expected to work on two exciting research projects. Approximately 50% of the fellow's time will involve clinical epilepsy work.

The research will involve studies undertaken by the EpiNet Study group. (www.epinet.co.nz)

The EpiNet Study group is running a series of 5 related trials in new onset epilepsy, in which patients are randomized to Levetiracetam, Lamotrigine, Carbamazepine or Sodium Valproate. The particular drugs to which a patient can be randomized depend on the seizure type and the appropriateness of treatment with valproate. The EpiNet-First trials are open pragmatic trials conducted along similar lines to the SANAD trials. The trials are multicenter, international studies which are being run from Auckland Hospital.

The second study comprises an epidemiological study of status epilepticus in Auckland. We are trying to identify all patients over the age of 4 weeks who have a seizure of more than 10 min duration over the course of a year. We are collecting detailed information regarding these patients and recording it in the EpiNet database. Patients will be followed for 2 years to assess their outcomes.

In addition, the fellow will attend epilepsy outpatient clinics and will be involved with the workup of the patients having surgery. He / she will be expected to report EEGs (and will receive training on this.)

The position is available for one year in the first instance.

Applicants should be interested in a career in clinical neurology.
The position will be available from February 2016.