

Position Description



1. General Information

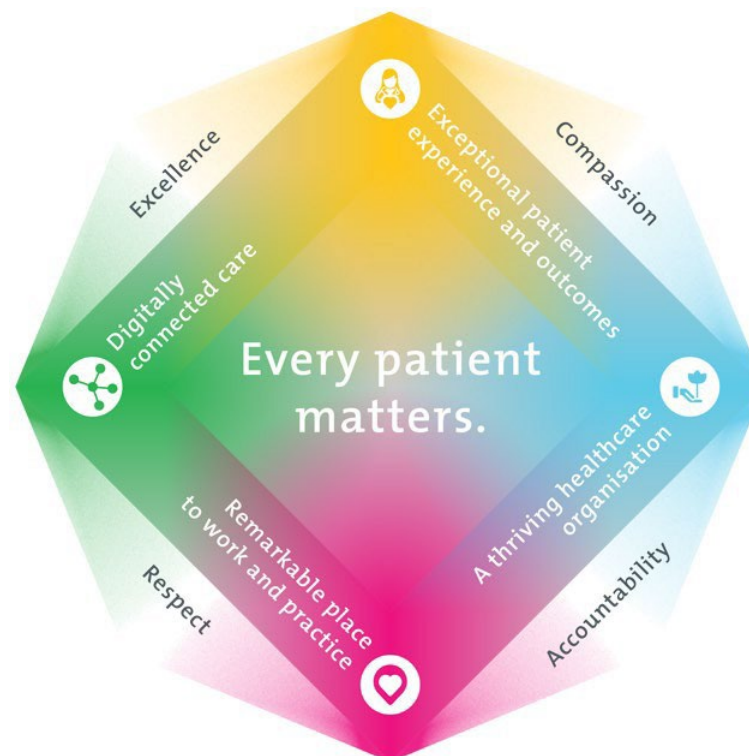
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| Position Title: | Associate Nurse Unit Manager |
| Division/Department: | Hospital in the Home |
| Position Reports to: | Nurse Unit Manager |
| Enterprise/Individual Agreement: | Epworth HealthCare Nurses Enterprise Agreement 2016 |
| Classification/Grade: | |
| Location: | |
| Employment Status: | |
| Resource Management (for Management positions only) Number of Direct Reports: Budget under management: | |
| Key Relationships - internal and external | Nurse Unit Manager Associate Director of Clinical Services; Director of Clinical Services Nursing Staff and other ward unit staff (eg. ward clerk, allied health, support services) Visiting Medical Officers (VMOs) Patients and families |

2. Overview of Epworth HealthCare

Epworth HealthCare is Victoria's largest not-for-profit private health care group, renowned for excellence in diagnosis, treatment, care and rehabilitation. Epworth is an innovator in Australia's health system, embracing the latest in evidence-based medicine to pioneer treatments and services for our patients.

Epworth's values define our approach and our delivery. We pride ourselves on communicating our values and delivering on them in a real and meaningful way. Our Values are *Respect, Excellence, Community, Compassion, Integrity and Accountability*. More information can be found on the [Epworth website](#).

Epworth's purpose is to improve the health, wellbeing and experience of every patient by integrating clinical practice with education and research and our vision is to consistently deliver excellent patient-centred care with compassion and dignity.



| Overall this position links to the following elements of the Epworth Strategy. |
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| Patients - High quality care and experience through all interactions with patients |
| People - Enable our staff to be their best and give their best |
| Doctors - Attract and retain excellent specialists who are committed to Epworth |
| Research & Education - Advance and promote research and education that translates to further improvements in healthcare |
| Finance - Ensure financial sustainability to deliver on our purpose |
| Strategic Service Development - Maximise opportunities to benefit patients, doctors and people through developments in services, technology and geographic reach. |
| Business Support - Ensure robust and sufficient support to enable the existing business and growth strategies |

The ANUM role is a key nursing leadership role that is linked to all strategic goals.

3. Purpose of the Position

The Associate Nurse Unit Manager (ANUM) is an integral member of the management team, assisting the Nurse Unit Manager in the course of their duties to ensure effective management and the ongoing development of the Unit from an operational perspective. This is achieved through effectively balancing and prioritising the core business activities of:

- Being a role model in setting the clinical standards to achieve a high quality of nursing care.
- Leading the team to deliver timely, safe, evidence-based patient-centred clinical care to patients at Epworth HealthCare achieving optimal clinical outcomes and an exceptional patient experience
- Supporting the NUM to build and maintain high performing teams that operate within a performance framework; to drive a culture of accountability, best practice and innovation
- Effective management of resources to optimise the quality, activity, and financial performance of the Unit
- Supporting the NUM with the maintenance of a safe clinical and operating environments to optimise safety and wellbeing of patients, visitors and staff
- Contributing to the ongoing development of Epworth HealthCare's internal culture and external reputation through
 - Demonstrating behaviours and attitudes that are consistent with Epworth's Vision and Values, and professional nursing philosophy
 - Building strong and trusting relationships with the multidisciplinary team, including highly effective doctor relationship management.
- The ANUM assumes the responsibilities and authority of the Nurse Unit Manager in their absence and as such must have a working knowledge of the administrative operation of the department.

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4. Key Accountabilities

| KEY RESPONSIBILITIES | MEASURES/KPIs TO BE ACHIEVED |
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| <p>Customer Centred Leadership Focuses on the provision of clinical leadership in a customer centred environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promotes a culture of customer service with doctors, patients, visitors and staff ANUM has a 'can do' attitude that supports the delivery of timely, safe, evidence based person centred care to patients at Epworth HealthCare in a cost effective manner that optimises clinical, operational and financial performance <p>Actively promotes the unit to doctors and other key stakeholders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ANUM builds strong and trusting relationships with internal and external stakeholder to promote and maintain the reputation of the unit | <p>1. Patient Satisfaction Press Ganey (Nursing) mean and percentile score</p> |
| <p>Streamlined and safe patient services within an optimal clinical environment Oversees the delivery of patient-centred care and implements strategies to enhance the patient experience and journey and their overall satisfaction with Epworth; ensuring this is coordinated through NUMs & other Senior Staff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ANUM leads and coordinates the patient care team (includes the activities of medical, nursing, education, allied health and non-clinical support staff) to deliver high quality holistic patient centred care in a cost effective manner The ANUM undertakes leadership rounding The ANUM oversees the implementation and delivery of care within the National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards. <p>Drives and actively improves on relevant models of care that fosters a collaborative approach to evidence-based practises.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ANUM uses information resulting from patient incidents/adverse events to identify areas for improvement to influence changes to clinical practice. The ANUM recognises the value of research in contributing to developments in nursing and improved standards of care, by participating in unit/hospital Quality Improvement/Research Activities | <p>2. Clinical Incident rate: % achievement of selected KPI that is relevant to unit (as measured on quality dashboard) at least to target</p> |

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| <p>Provides and maintains [as far as is practicable] a safe work environment, work practices and minimises risks to self, staff, patients and visitors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine safety & hazard checks completed as per Epworth Policy • Promotes a culture of risk awareness and proactively responds to incidents and near misses. | |
| <p><u>Leadership</u> Undertakes appropriate workforce planning to build and maintain a strong clinical team. The ANUM supports the NUM to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensures the right level of seniority and skill mix in the ward/unit team • Ensures that staff have access to appropriate resources and training required to maintain strong clinical skills and adhere to the safety/quality standards within the set budget • Ensuring each staff member allocated to the ANUM has performance and personal development/management plans that set out work related goals, standards and behaviours (includes maintaining 100% compliance with mandatory and unit specific competencies every 12 months or as prescribed) • Assists the NUM in actively managing the Performance Appraisal of staff and completes delegated PDP for unit staff. • Creating a positive environment that enables good learning experiences for students on the unit • Appropriate orientation is provided to new staff members as per Epworth Healthcare policies • Participates in relevant committees, meetings and projects <p>Foster a culture of ongoing development and improvement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acts as a resource person/mentor to all nursing staff rotating within the unit. • Assists with informal and formal education sessions on the unit. • Supports enquiry and questioning in the delivery of clinical care • Holds staff accountable for areas of responsibility and actions taken • Completes patient and leader rounding as NUM delegate on weekends as per group policy | <p>3. Staff development % of delegated staff have PDPs completed within scheduled timeframe</p> |

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| <p>Active succession planning, identification and retention of talented staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In liaison with the Nurse Unit Manager develops and implements succession planning for nursing staff to ensure appropriate career pathways. • Identifies talented junior staff, coaching and nurturing of staff to prepare them for advancement or promotion into ever more challenging roles <p>Portfolio Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commitment to specific portfolio as assigned by the Nurse Unit Manager and develops plans to maintain, report and evaluate designated portfolio reflecting the unit requirements | |
| <p><u>Access to Services</u></p> <p>The ANUM, in conjunction with the NUM & Hospital Coordinators, monitors and co-ordinates patient flow in and out of the unit/ ward: This includes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The facilitation of unit-based patient flow processes that maximise patients' timely access to care • develops and implements patient flow initiatives within the Unit • Effective allocation of patients to staff with appropriate skills • Ensuring processes are in place to enable patients' timely and effective discharge management <p>LOS Management and review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitates processes for frequent review of LOS and Estimated Discharge Date <p>Activity Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding of daily requirements and forecasting activity to facilitate appropriate resource management • In collaboration with the NUM team, identifies opportunity to achieve occupancy targets | <p>4. Access 10am discharge rate at least target percentage</p> <p><u>OR</u></p> <p>Activity/LOS Management ALOS/minutes per procedure within agreed target</p> |

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Operational Management

Develops strategies and actions to meet budget

- In the absence of the Nurse Unit Manager, provides management and clinical direction to all nursing staff
- In consultation with the NUM, reviews work practices to ensure cost effective management of both human and material resources
- In collaboration with the NUM, monitors and reviews the unit budget to meet agreed targets

Unit Business Planning

- Manages and monitors risks within area/s of responsibility and reports key/emerging risks and opportunities to NUM

Variance Analysis & Reporting

- The ANUM provides information in relation to variances against budget to the NUM

- 5. WHPPD (or LHPOM for procedural)**
WHPPD or LHPPD within unit budget

5. Position Requirements/Key Selection Criteria

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| Qualifications | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered Nurse or Midwife with Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) Post graduate qualification in the area of specialisation |
| Previous Experience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relevant post registration clinical experience |
| Required Knowledge & Skills | <p><u>Leadership and Interpersonal Skills</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Well developed interpersonal and leadership skills that inspire the trust and confidence required to lead and manage high performing teams and build strong relationships with patients, their families and key internal & external stakeholders Ability to build strong relationships to work collaboratively with NUM & peers Demonstrated capability for and focus on innovation through initiating and implementing improvements to service delivery, models of care, evidence based practice, and practice development Provide opportunities and support for the professional development the team <p><u>Clinical Expertise and commitment to high quality patient care and continuous improvement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence of a commitment to patient/customer service, clinical governance and quality improvement. Positive role model to all levels of staff in terms of commitment to the delivery of high quality patient care. Knowledge and understanding of the National Standards for Clinical Excellence and ACHS Accreditation Standards. Demonstrated clinical expertise in clinical advancements particularly in the speciality of the unit. <p><u>Leadership, HR and Business Acumen</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrated ability to lead, assist and support organisational change. Knowledge and understanding of Legislation, OH&S principles and relevant awards. Knowledge and commitment to Acts, Agreements and Epworth HealthCare directions, policies, procedures and staff code of conduct. <p><u>Marketing and Growth</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committed to achieving a culture of success, assisting NUM to initiate any change management associated with success and growth of the department. Committed to building relationships with external and internal stakeholders to promote the Epworth HealthCare brand |

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| | <p><u>Teaching and Research</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated willingness to teach undergraduate & postgraduate nurses, other health professionals, patients, families and groups. • Show a proactive attitude in reviewing, supporting and implementing relevant research into the clinical environment. <p><u>Broader Knowledge Base and Skills</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer literacy in Microsoft Applications. |
| <p>Personal Attributes & Behaviours</p> <p>All employees are expected to consistently work in accordance with Epworth's values and behaviours.</p> | <p><u>Customer Focus</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong customer focus to drive holistic person-centred care to patients and provide support to carers and families. • Able to build strong and trusted relationships with medical consultants. <p><u>Professional Development</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong advocate of self-development and personal and professional learning for self and others in the Unit, facilitating a culture of continuous learning • Committed to the professional development of nursing staff • Creating a culture that values the contributions of nurses with regular leadership rounding of staff to ensure staff are fully engaged • Committed to the coaching and developing of others |

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| Date Developed: | Date Last Reviewed: | Developed and Reviewed By (Position Title): |
| October 2015 | October 2025 | Executive Director Clinical Services |

Employee Position Declaration

I have read and understand the requirements and expectations of the above Position Description. I agree that I have the physical ability to fulfil the inherent physical requirements of the position, and accept my role in fulfilling the Key Accountabilities. I understand that the information and statements in this position description are intended to reflect a general overview of the responsibilities and are not to be interpreted as being all-inclusive.

Employee Signature: _____

Print Name: _____ Date: _____