

Interview Tips when meeting the Interview Panel

Commitment to equity, including Te Tiriti o Waitangi

Demonstrating your commitment to overcoming inequity, understanding the health needs of tangata whenua, and integrating Te Tiriti o Waitangi into clinical practice is important to demonstrate within your application.

Gastroenterology & endoscopy experience

Any experience in gastroenterology and/or endoscopy is good but it is not essential. Don't fret if you haven't ever touched a 'scope. The gastro experience could be audit/research, attendance at endoscopy lists, or having worked with a general physician-gastroenterologist as a house officer or medical registrar. This encourages candidates to seek out experience and exposure to gastroenterology in their career so that they can be sure this is the career pathway for them. Share your experiences with us.

Regional experience

If you have worked in peripheral hospitals in your training, then you are more likely to return there as a consultant. We need Gastroenterologists in our regional centres. Hence, spending 6 to 12 months in one or two smaller regional hospitals is encouraged. This would mean experience as a house officer or registrar in Aotearoa hospitals other than metropolitan Auckland (North Shore/Waitakere, Auckland City, Middlemore), Waikato, Wellington/Hutt, Christchurch, and Dunedin hospitals.

Appreciation of the importance of a diverse workforce

Diversity has a different definition for everyone. We are looking for a group of specialists that reflect the patients we look after, and the teams that we work with. Tell us what diversity means to you and how you work toward diversity.

Research, Audit, Governance and Guidelines

Research, contributing to meaningful audit, being part of governance structures and working with teams to produce guidelines are an important and an integral part of medical education and training as a Registrar, and as CPD when a consultant. Exposure and contribution to quality research at an early stage in your career is desirable. Share your research with us in your application.

Leadership, teamwork and working with multidisciplinary colleagues

Leadership roles of any sort help prepare a candidate for a career in gastroenterology, a busy and demanding practice. Teamwork is an essential part of gastroenterology work every day, working

with many different colleagues from different disciplines to come together and provide excellent care for patients. Share your past teams' experiences, your role, and the outcomes with us.

Teaching

Teaching (delivery or organisation) and being a mentor to others is another key aspect of a career in gastroenterology, and another desirable aspect. If you have been a mentor or helped others learn skills, please discuss this within your application.

Curriculum

The RACP Education Supervising body is the Aotearoa NZ Advanced Training Subcommittee (ATS) in Gastroenterology. You can reach out to the Committee via email to gastroenterology@racp.org.nz.

Please go to the [RACP website](#) for more details about gastroenterology advanced training programme curriculum, programme requirements and information on applying for the entrance exam.

Gastroenterology and hepatology are branches of internal medicine (usually practised together) that are concerned with prevention, investigation and therapy of and research into illnesses involving the intestine, liver and other associated organs.