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### *Northern Territory Rural Training Pathway*

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The Australian Board in General Surgery has established a Northern Territory Rural Training Pathway. The Pathway provides an opportunity for General Surgery Trainees to experience extended training in rural and regional settings across Darwin and Alice Springs. The aim of the pathway is to provide a strong set of General Surgery skills and knowledge and an opportunity to experience the lifestyle in a rural setting. It is envisaged that this pathway will encourage trainees to consider settling in regional centres once their training is complete.

The Northern Territory Rural Training Pathway will involve the selected Trainee/s undertaking the following:

- 60% of rotations in Northern Territory: 40% at Royal Darwin Hospital and 20% at Alice Springs Hospital.
- The remaining 40% of rotations would be undertaken in a metropolitan setting in one of the five Training Regions.
- Trainee's metropolitan setting would be assigned according to the Region offered during Selection. This will allow for the Training Region to plan well in advance.

#### **The Pathway Model**

The training pathway for the allocated Trainees will be as follows:

<b>Year – GSET Level</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Specialty</b>
Year 1 – GSET1.1	Royal Darwin Hospital	General Surgery
Year 1 – GSET1.2	Royal Darwin Hospital	General Surgery
Year 2 – GSET2.1	Alice Springs Hospital	General Surgery
Year 2 – GSET2.1	Alice Springs Hospital	General Surgery
Year 3 – GSET3.1	Metro Hospital in Training Region offered during Selection	Subspecialty according to Trainee's chosen career path*
Year 3 – GSET3.2	Metro Hospital in Training Region offered during Selection	Subspecialty according to Trainee's chosen career path*
Year 4 – GSET4.1	Metro Hospital in Training Region offered during Selection	Subspecialty according to Trainee's chosen career path*
Year 4 – GSET4.2	Metro Hospital in Training Region offered during Selection	Subspecialty according to Trainee's chosen career path
Year 5 – GSET5.1	Royal Darwin Hospital	General Surgery
Year 5 – GSET5.2	Royal Darwin Hospital	General Surgery

*\* Note: Whilst consideration will be given, a particular post cannot be guaranteed as the Training Region needs to also consider the remaining Trainees on the program and their requirements and clinical exposure.*



### **Appointment to Pathway**

Candidates who are successful in obtaining a place onto the General Surgery Training Program during selection (commencing in 2025 for 2026 intake) and who accept their offer, will be given the opportunity to elect to undertake the Northern Territory Rural Training Pathway.

Commencing in 2025 (for 2026 intake), **one** placement will be offered to a candidate who has been selected and has accepted their offer. If two or more successful candidates apply to undertake the pathway, the offer will be made to the highest ranked candidate.

### **Governance**

The pathway and allocated Trainee/s will be managed through the South Australian-Northern Territory Training Committee.

For the period in which the Trainee is outside of the Northern Territory, the Trainees' portfolio will be managed by the Training Region where the metropolitan rotations are being undertaken.

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