

Job Title	Physiotherapist
Department	Health Team
Reports to	Manager Health Team
Organisational Context	<p>Parkinson's Victoria is a statewide specialist information and support service providing information, education and support to people living with Parkinson's, their families, carers, health providers and the wider community.</p> <p>We are a not for profit organisation, funded in part by the state government, but also relying on membership subscriptions, donations and bequests to provide and develop services.</p> <p>We fund and partner with research organisations to increase knowledge, improve outcomes for People Living With Parkinson's (PLWP), and to support better self-management.</p>
Our Mission	To support the development of more effective treatments and a cure for Parkinson's. To enable people living with Parkinson's to lead active and full lives.
Our Values	<p>Engagement and Inclusion We engage and connect people living with Parkinson's, to understand their needs and challenges and ensure services, supports and research are responsive, relevant and sympathetic. We promote connection, participation and inclusion as a means to leading an active and full life.</p> <p>Knowledge and Empowerment We understand the needs and challenges of people living with Parkinson's and their families and ensure services and supports are sympathetic and responsive to their needs. We use evidence and practice to inform, increase understanding and build individual capacity.</p> <p>Innovation and Excellence We seek to enable people living with Parkinson's and their families to lead active and fulling lives. We provide quality services and supports in an environment that is committed to continuous improvement and establishing industry standards for people living with Parkinson's and their families and carers. We promote a learning culture within our organisation, the community and health sector to ensure advancements in research are reflected in new</p>

	<p>and innovative services, methods and responses for the Parkinson's community.</p>
<p>Departmental Context</p>	<p>The Health Service is a specialised multi-disciplined service which operates web and tele-health information services. It is a vital aspect of Parkinson's Victoria services and is often the first contact for people who are newly diagnosed. In Victoria there are an estimated 27,000 people living with Parkinson's (PLWP), many of whom have contacted us at some stage for advice, information or support.</p> <p>The Health Service delivers a health professional education program and supports a comprehensive network of locally based support groups located throughout Victoria.</p> <p>The hub and spoke model of care connects generalist health professionals and client groups with specialist multi-disciplinary services and clinical researchers to increase knowledge, build capacity, and improve client outcomes and support better self- management.</p>
<p>Position Purpose / Scope</p>	<p>Working within the broad determinants of health framework, the position interacts with individuals providing sensitive, responsive and comprehensive responses that are cognisant of the unique lifestyle factors that individuals living with Parkinson's experience. The position has a role in more broadly positively impacting the social and community networks that PLWP are interacting with through the provision of health education.</p> <p>People living with Parkinson's make contact and expect current evidence-based information and an understanding of how Parkinson's interacts throughout all aspects of their life. The position is required to have a well-developed understanding how each health determinant can be impacted through a diagnosis of Parkinson's; Individual health practices and coping skills; finances; employment; social support networks; and their physical environments; Health Services; and their biology and genetic endowment.</p> <p>Individualised responses will enable people to have a better understanding of Parkinson's, the resources available, and are better able to make informed decisions.</p>

<p>Position Objectives</p>	<p>To deliver information and education that increases PLWP's self-management and confidence to seek services available within their community.</p> <p>To provide appropriate, accessible, high quality, and evidence-based information regarding Parkinson's.</p>
<p>Key Areas of Responsibility</p>	
<p>Operations</p>	<p>In collaboration with PV management, Health Service multi-disciplinary team members where appropriate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of accurate and appropriate information for people living with Parkinson's; their families, carers, service providers and the wider community including face to face, telephone, and email. • Provide group Parkinson's education sessions and contribute to multidisciplinary group programs including community Peer Support Groups. • Contribute to the development and review of information/education resources for PLWP, carers, health professionals and students. • Assist in the planning, preparation, delivery and promotion of community and health professional education seminars. • Produce written materials regarding Parkinson's designed for clients, service providers, and health professionals. • Participate and deliver community awareness activities such as community seminars and education initiatives.
<p>Policy and Planning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in Health Team program evaluation and planning and organisational planning as requested.
<p>Research</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain knowledge of current research in the neurological sector impacting PLWP. • Develop and maintain relevant and current information resources including research initiatives, symptom management, treatments, health and wellness, community services.
<p>Administration</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To maintain appropriate administrative records and provide monthly reports. • Data collection on responses to information requests, information provided. • Maintain client records on database.

Other duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in Parkinson's Victoria fundraising events and awareness activities from time to time. • Other duties as outlined by the Management Team
Key Selection Criteria	
Qualifications / skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed tertiary qualification in Physiotherapy and registration with the relevant board within Australia. • Significant experience working with people living with chronic illness and their carers, and the complexity of issues associated with the disease. • Demonstrated ability to contribute to the functioning of a multi-disciplinary team. • Demonstrated ability to provide person centred services to people living within the community including 1:1 support; secondary consultations; and group sessions. • Current Victorian Driver's licence and a willingness to drive to regional Victoria as part of duties. • Well-developed interpersonal and communication skills (oral and written). • Ability to work autonomously under limited supervision, exercising sound professional judgement and seeking advice and consultation where appropriate.
Conditions of Employment	
Hours of Work	0.8 EFT (flexible hours negotiable) Some out of hours or weekend work may be required from time to time.
Pre-employment checks	The successful applicant will be required to undergo satisfactory pre-employment checks, including three professional referees, a criminal records check, and evidence of professional qualifications.