

# Fellow positions in Refugee Health

The Victorian Department of Health has funded five refugee health fellow positions to build capacity across the state to improve refugee and asylum seeker health care

Their roles include:

- Improving coordination of refugee and asylum seeker health care
- Providing advice and liaison about clinical issues in people who are refugee background/asylum seekers
- Providing education in refugee health to GPs, specialists, nurses, hospital staff and allied health as required, and in response to provider requests.

Fellows are happy to speak to either large or small groups, and can travel to outer metropolitan or regional areas if required. They can provide information across a variety of topics, and are happy to compile information on emerging issues.



## The Royal Melbourne Hospital

### Dr Kudzai Kanhutu and Dr Joanne Gardiner

Dr Kudzai Kanhutu and Dr Joanne Gardiner are based at the Victorian Infectious Diseases Service (VIDS) at the Royal Melbourne Hospital (RMH) and the Peter Doherty Institute in Parkville.

Dr Kudzai Kanhutu BA/BSC/MBBS (Hons) is an infectious diseases physician with a special interest in telemedicine, global public health policy and women's health.

Joanne is a GP with a special interest in refugee mental health who also works in community health and at Foundation House. She runs a Refugee and Asylum Seeker GP clinic on Tuesday mornings at VIDS for refugee health assessments, complex problems, mental health and those not linked into a GP.

**Available** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday (Kudzai) and Monday–Friday (Joanne)

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## Monash Health



### Dr Mark Timlin

Dr Mark Timlin is a GP at Monash Health Refugee Health and Wellbeing in Melbourne's South East. He has extensive experience in refugee health, having spent some time in Afghanistan, and has a particular interest in mental health.

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## The Royal Children's Hospital



### Dr Tom Volkman, Dr Rachel Heenan and Dr Simon Stokes

Dr Tom Volkman, Dr Rachel Heenan and Dr Simon Stokes are senior paediatric trainees and fellows with the Immigrant Health Service (IHS) at the Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) Melbourne. They provide clinical care, developmental and education assessment for children of refugee and asylum seeker background during the IHS Monday afternoon clinic. Rachel and Simon provide an outreach clinic in Footscray, while Tom provides an outreach

clinic in Craigieburn. Outreach services in Ringwood and Darebin are also available. The fellows also support other child-related services (early intervention, schools, maternal child health nurses, allied health and disability services). They have strong interests in child development, international child health, infectious diseases and public health.

**Available** Monday–Friday (Tom: full year, Rachel: Feb–Aug, Simon: Aug–Jan)

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