

Basketball Australia National Team Doctor Position Description

Role & Responsibilities

1. Treatment and availability

a. Treatment times and prioritisation

The touring doctor should be always available for assessment and treatment on on camp/tour.

Medical treatment times should be advertised at the discretion of the doctor – athletes should be prioritising treatment if it is required. As such, going out for a coffee, catching up with family, studying or generally relaxing are *not* events that should be prioritised over physiotherapy treatment.

The doctor should encourage athletes to use time available during the day between sessions to have treatment rather than waiting until after dinner, where winding down and getting to bed at a reasonable hour to ensure adequate recovery should be the number one priority.

The doctor is not required to attend team technical meetings and it is recommended that the physio use this time for themselves (time for recording notes, exercising, resting etc).

2. Responsibilities

Manage preventative strategies for the team/team officials, including assessment of medical requirements, vaccinations, and travel information.

Assists manage and coordinate effective treatment strategies of athletes' injuries in consultation with the team's designated personnel:

- Senior Programs Head of Medical Services (HOMS)
- Junior Programs Physiotherapist.

Ensure athletes receive prompt and effective treatment of injuries at camps, tours, major events.

Arrange pathology and radiological investigations for athlete's (Australia/offshore) as required.

Advise coaching staff on all health issues relevant to the team and its individual members on a need's basis.

Assume a leadership position in collaboration with SSSM staff to initiate assistance to athletes in areas like nutrition advice, psychology, etc.

Apply an assertive approach to provide education on any medical advancements relevant to elite athletes in consultation with the HOMS and the Head Coach.

Ensure athletes/coaches are aware of compliances to COVID policies, guidelines and latest requirements when travelling, training and during competition

Ensure athletes/coaches are aware of compliances to ASADA's prohibitive drug policies / testing.

Ensure an effective process to monitor the team for inadvertent prohibited medication use.

When required liaise directly with the athletes' club medical staff regarding the treatment and rehabilitation of injuries and or other relevant medical issues.

Maintain medical records that meet Australian legal and AHPRA standards.

Provide a written report to BA at the conclusion of related activities. This should include – preparation, number of treatments, significant episodes depersonalized with any recommendations

3. Invoicing and payment

a. Touring

Remuneration is a daily rate, as predetermined by discussion between BA and the doctor. Invoices can be sent to BA prior to or after the completion of the tour. Payment should be received within 14 days of submission of invoice.

b. Supplies

Any extra supplies that are needed to be bought on tour should in the first instance, be paid for with a BA credit card/cash advance (usually held by the team manager or HOD). If the doctor needs to purchase any supplies to replenish the kit from their own funds, receipts should all be kept and sent to BA at the completion of the tour. This money should be reimbursed within 14 days of the receipts being submitted.

4. Reporting & handovers

c. Handovers

It is required that appropriate handovers are completed after each camp or tour

d. Tour reports

Please complete this report within one week of completing the camp or tour. This information will be used to ensure we are always improving our services and also to provide BA HP with feedback regarding more general aspects of the camp/tour.

5. Qualifications

Senior National Teams

Registrar Australasian College of Sports & Exercise Physicians
Registered Member AHPRA (Australian Health Practitioner Regulatory Agency).

Junior National Teams

Registrar Australasian College of Sports & Exercise Physicians - **Desired**
Registered Member AHPRA (Australian Health Practitioner Regulatory Agency).