

Provincial Health Authority - Expression of Interest

Position: **Infectious Diseases Specialist/Medical Microbiologist**
Location: Cape Breton Regional Hospital, Sydney, NS
Eastern Zone



Preamble:

The Nova Scotia Government has outlined a vision for health care called Putting Patients First – Developing solutions so all Nova Scotians get the care they need when they need it. Overall goals are to improve the health and wellness of Nova Scotians, provide safe and quality person centered care, and to create a sustainable, effective and affordable provincial health system.

Over the course of the recent SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, additional clinical needs have been highlighted within the Eastern Zone (EZ) for enhanced clinical care provision, Infectious Diseases (ID)-specialized pandemic support, and for additional ID-related Medical Microbiology support.

The EZ is home to Cape Breton Regional Hospital (CBRH), which is the second largest hospital in Nova Scotia. This facility provides most sub-specialized services houses a Level 2A ICU. CBRH and zonal operations needs further Infectious Diseases support in the realms of clinical/inpatient service, Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) support, Antimicrobial Stewardship (AS), and physician-led Medical Microbiology leadership. CBRH is home to a fully operational microbiology and diagnostic/pathology laboratory, which supports EZ and surrounding zones.

Community Details:

Sydney is the historic capital of Cape Breton and largest urban centre on the island. From the harbour-front boardwalk complete with buskers and visiting cruise ships to the world's largest fiddle, Sydney will be sure to charm you! Physicians and their families build rewarding lives and careers in Cape Breton; see for yourself, here!

The city is in convenient proximity to all the major attractions on the Island like the world-famous Cabot Trail, Fortress of Louisbourg, the Alexander Graham Bell Museum (in the beautiful village of Baddeck), and 6 world-class golf courses! You will find an island of magnificent natural beauty yet very modern. The region is home to Cape Breton University, as well as St. Francis Xavier University within the Eastern Zone.

Music is a large part of our Scottish cultural background, and is celebrated each year all over the island with Fall Colours, which hosts hundreds of live musical acts. Sydney is surrounded by many smaller communities, each one offering its own uniqueness to an interested person. Here, kitchen parties are a way of life and you're never too far from the beautiful Highlands that inspired the region's first immigrants to name the province New Scotland. You will

experience the view of a lifetime around every corner and surround yourself with the friendliest people in every community. Hike, cycle, swim, golf – all in an almost unreal beauty.

Mandate:

To create and support an additional permanent 1.0 FTE component (for total 2.0 FTE in Sydney) for mixed Clinical-Medical Microbiology or full Clinical consultative service to the Infectious Diseases subdivision of the EZ Internal Medicine Department.

Accountabilities:

Departmental:

1. FTE is funded in the EZ Department of Internal Medicine. Expectation to collaborate and contribute to relevant Departmental activities, meetings, and call requirements
2. If Microbiology trained: provision of lab microbiologist oversight and consultation (currently supported by PhD Microbiology). Contribution to Med-Micro QA/QI activities and routine lab operations meetings. Cross-communication with Central Zone (Halifax) provincial lab operations
3. Participation in clinical QI/QA initiatives with focus on site and inter-zonal Antimicrobial Stewardship, Sepsis response, and Infection Prevention and Control
4. Works with appropriate representation from the zone's health care facilities in setting the standards/guidelines for health services for the relevant to Infectious Disease; develops systems for monitoring performance to these standards; develops and executes mitigation and improvement plans in the areas of non-performance and develops action plans for issues
5. Supports Occupational Health Wellness and Safety in communicable disease management and provides expert advice regarding vaccination programs

Clinical:

1. Coverage of clinical ID-consultative inpatient service in cooperation with existing clinical ID 1.0 FTE (focus within the CBRH Sydney site)
2. Provides phone consultative advice relevant to Specialty to other hospital sites and outpatient clinics present within the EZ
3. Works in cooperation with Public Health to support clinical interventions and consultations related to outbreaks, sexually-transmitted infections (STI's), and tuberculosis (TB) screening and treatment
4. Contributes to care of persons with HIV, HCV eradication, and chronic HBV management
5. Helps contribute to creation, design, and funding proposals for multi-disciplinary clinical functions for improvement of hospital Access-and-Flow (ie. OPAT, PICC line service, Wound Clinic, etc)

Eligibility:

1. MD with Infectious Diseases Sub-specialty (Royal College FRCPC completed or pending completion, or equivalent)
2. Eligible for practice licensure in Nova Scotia
3. *Preferred:* Dual-training for Clinical ID and Medical Microbiology. Pure Clinical ID applications still welcomed.

Compensation: Estimated yearly compensation: **~\$350 000**

Clinical duties compensated as fee-for-services model under the NS Master Service Agreement. IPAC/AS, and Medical Microbiology services are remunerated as contract and sessional funding. Negotiable fee models available.

Application Requirement: Please submit to pha-careers@novascotia.ca your expression of interest with cover letter and CV outlining your experience in relation to the accountabilities for the position