

**CHIEF, DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY MEDICINE – MATERNAL NEWBORN CARE  
IWK HEALTH**

**HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA**

The Department of Family Medicine – Maternal Newborn Care at IWK Health is one of the largest academic primary maternity and newborn care programs in Canada. Family physicians provide leadership and an active role in the prenatal, intrapartum, postpartum, and newborn care within the Primary Maternity Care Program. IWK Health and the Dalhousie Department of Family Medicine are recruiting a leader for the IWK Health Department of Family Medicine – Maternal Newborn Care. The Department Chief works in a co-leadership model with the Manager of Family Newborn Care Unit and is a member of the Women's and Newborn Health Program leadership. As an active member of the Dalhousie University Department of Family Medicine, the Chief will have the opportunity to strengthen the academic education and research directions, as well as continuing to develop a high level of care for mothers and newborn children. This is an outstanding opportunity for an experienced and accomplished individual with demonstrated leadership, clinical and academic credibility, and strategic vision to direct and manage clinical and academic affairs in the Department within an integrated health system.

Dalhousie University Department of Family Medicine serves Maritime Canada: the provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island. IWK Health provides quality care to women, children, youth, and families in the Maritimes and beyond. It is engaged in leading-edge research, works to promote healthy lifestyles for families, and supports education opportunities for health professionals and other learners. Services provided by the Health Centre are delivered through three programs: Children's Health, Mental Health and Addictions, and Women's and Newborn Health. The Department of Family Medicine – Maternal Newborn Care provides a full range of service in IWK Health's Women's & Newborn Health Program, which receives approximately 80,000 visits annually, as well as active teaching and research programs. The IWK Department of Family Medicine works closely with the Department of Family Practice and Primary Health Care of Nova Scotia Health (NSH).

This combined role requires dynamic leadership and vision in clinical and academic domains, together with leadership skills to affect excellence in care, education, and research within available resources, and to align strategically and operationally within an integrated health system. The Chief must negotiate, nurture, and leverage opportunities to maximize productivity through collaboration, partnership, and integration of academic and clinical practice. The successful candidate will be a Certificant of the Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) and be eligible for licensure in the province of Nova Scotia.

The Chief of IWK Department of Family Medicine – Maternal Newborn Care will be responsible to the IWK CEO through the Vice President Medicine, Quality & Safety for all administration and functioning of the IWK Department and will work in partnership with the Senior Physician and Director of the Women's and Newborn Health Program to ensure the effective provision of maternal newborn care to pregnant women and their babies. Within the Dalhousie University Department of Family Medicine, the Chief will be responsible to the Dean of Dalhousie University's Faculty of Medicine through the Head of the Department of Family Medicine, working in partnership with the Halifax Postgraduate Site Director and Halifax Medical Education Committee for academic activities of the Department and its members. This appointment will be a 0.5 FTE position.

Applicants must be eligible for privileges at IWK Health and/or NSH and for academic appointment in the Dalhousie University Department of Family Medicine to be considered. IWK Health and Dalhousie University is committed to fostering a collegial culture grounded in diversity and inclusiveness. The University encourages applications from Aboriginal people, persons with a disability, racially visible persons, women, persons of minority sexual orientations and gender identities, and all candidates who would contribute to the diversity of our community.

The review of applications for this position will commence as soon as the competition closes. To apply for this exceptional opportunity, interested applicants are asked, by **September 30, 2023**, to 1) submit a current CV and a statement outlining their academic, clinical, and scholarly interests; and the names and contact information of three referees, at least two of whom must be academic; 2) complete a self-identification questionnaire, available at [www.dal.ca/becounted/selfid](http://www.dal.ca/becounted/selfid) to the attention of:

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