

Seeking PMC-Focused Physician for Summer 2025

IWK Department of Family Medicine in Halifax, Nova Scotia is seeking a family physician with obstetrics skillset to work on our Primary Maternity Care (PMC) Service. This is a unique opportunity to practice full spectrum family medicine obstetrics in an urban academic hospital.

This would be a fantastic opportunity for a new graduate to receive more experience in family medicine obstetrics within a supportive network of FP-OB physicians or for someone seeking more focused work in obstetrics and newborn care.

The PMC Team at the IWK, which began in January 2007, is a group of approximately 40 family physicians. The PMC Team provides 24/7 in-house family physician coverage at the IWK providing both direct coverage for those physicians who sign out to the PMC team for vacation or other needs and direct care of patients of family physicians who are not in house and immediately available.

Pre-Requisites:

- Graduate of a Family Medicine Residency with competency in Family Medicine-Obstetrics.
- NRP training or scheduled course
- ALARM course in the last 5 years or appropriate substitute emergency obstetrical training course.
- Active or Eligible for privileges at IWK Health.

Clinical Responsibilities:

- Evaluation of family medicine obstetrics patients at >20 weeks gestation in the Early Labour Assessment Unit (ELAU) for concerns pertaining to pregnancy (eg decreased fetal movement, possible rupture of membranes, threatened preterm labour) or post-partum concerns.
- Consultation as appropriate with in-house obstetrical team.
- Teaching of family medicine residents or students on rotation with PMC
- Management of induction of labour and cervical ripening including placement of Foley Catheters for cervical ripening.
- Management of labour including ROM, management of atypical fetal heart rate, and obstetrical emergencies.
- Working together with midwifery and obstetrics while on shift to ensure safe care for all patients on the birth unit.
- Cesarean birth operative assisting
- Closed-loop communication with the MRP family physician.
- Rounding on post-partum parent and babies.
- Acting as a consultant for the midwifery team for unwell newborns.
- Consulting for after- hours staff needle stick injuries.
- Occasional management of parents without access to their family doctors who require clinical assessment (AKA parent in PICU needing assessment for possible UTI)

Requested Time Commitment:

- Seeking Commitment for July and August 2025, renewable every 2 months should interest remain.
- Coverage of a minimum of 120 hours per month, broken into 6-hour day shifts or 12-hour night shifts.
- At least 60 hours per month should be on nights.
- PMC focused physician will have first access to scheduling for full flexibility.

Remuneration:

- Shifts are paid by time of day and duration.
- Upon completion of 240 hours (2 months), PMC-Focused Physician will receive additional \$1000 PMC-Focused compensation bonus.

Interested applicants should send a brief statement of interest and CV to Erin Vaters (Erin.Vaters@iwk.nshealth.ca) by April 20, 2025. Questions about this job or physicians interested in being a member of our team without a time commitment should also reach out to Erin Vaters.