



Seeking Family Medicine with Obstetrics Physicians

PMC Focused Physician OR Casual PMC Member

IWK Department of Family Medicine in Halifax, Nova Scotia is seeking a family physician with obstetrics and newborn 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 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 or scheduled course. (IWK Family Medicine can sponsor partial cost of 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 (e.g. 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 and birth 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 newborns as requested.

- 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:

Option One: PMC Focused Physician

- Seeking Commitment for March and April 2026, renewable every 2 months should interest remain.
- Coverage of a minimum of 120 hours per month, broken into 6-hour to 12- 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.

Option Two: Casual PMC Member

- No minimal shift requirement
- Availability as needed- renumeration by shifts worked.

Renumeration:

- 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.

***If you provide prenatal care and are interested in delivering your own patients and being supported by our PMC team, we also encourage you to reach out.

Interested? contact Erin Vaters (erin.vaters@iwk.nshealth.ca) with CV and a brief letter of interest.

Questions about our Department can go to our chief of IWK Family Medicine: Maternal and Newborn Care- Anita Hernandez (Anita.Hernandez@iwk.nshealth.ca)