



Seeking Family Physician or Pediatrician for Newborn Care- Locum

December 2025- September 2026

IWK Department of Family Medicine in Halifax, Nova Scotia is seeking a family physician or pediatrician with newborn skillset to work on our Newborn Service (NBS). NBS cares for late-preterm and term infants whose family doctors do not have active inpatient privileges at IWK Health.

This is a part-time position that can offer 4 or more shifts a month depending on interest level to help cover physician leaves. There is an opportunity for this to become permanent for the appropriate candidate. This would be a fantastic opportunity for an outpatient family physician with interest in newborn care or a new graduate hoping to gain more experience in newborn care within a supportive environment.

Pre-Requisites:

- Graduate of a Family Medicine Residency or Pediatrics Residency
- NRP training or scheduled course
- Active or Eligible for Privileges at IWK Health

Responsibilities:

- 24-hour shifts with expectation to be in-house 8am-5pm and home call from 5pm-8am with expectation to return for semi-urgent assessments (in-house support for urgent assessments).
- Admission, rounding and discharge of newborns born at IWK Health under the care of NBS. Average daily census is 10-15 admitted newborns.
- Up to 3 outpatient newborn visits daily during the week- bridging visits for those families unable to access their family physician within the appropriate timeframe from hospital discharge.
- Management of common complications of newborns: e.g., hypoglycemia, weight loss, hyperbilirubinemia, poor feeding.
- Management of newborns at risk for Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome (NOWS)- on the job training offered for physicians without previous experience.
- Clinical support for nursing team in the Post-Partum Follow- Up clinic. This clinic provides initial support for families including weights and repeat bilirubin.
- Teaching of family medicine residents, and pediatrics residents when assigned to the service.

Remuneration:

- \$1495/day-in house 8a-5pm (after overhead)
- After hours call stipend for phone calls and urgent call-back: \$350/night Mon-Thurs and \$500/night Fri-Sun and holidays.
- Call-backs are billed as Fee For Service.
- Teaching is separately renumeralated.

Interested Candidates should send their CV and a brief letter of interest to Erin Vaters (Erin.Vaters@iwbk.nshealth.ca). Questions regarding this position can be sent to Erin Vaters and will be responded to by NBS Leadership.