

Long Term Care in Vancouver

We are pleased to hear of your interest in working in long term care in Vancouver!

As you think about augmenting your practice with a long term care panel, we wanted to give you some background on the landscape of long term care in Vancouver, as well as highlight some of the opportunities that are available to you.

Vancouver is one of the largest and most densely populated cities in Canada and as the population rapidly ages, there is a consistent need for physicians supporting the seniors and frail elder community. With 43 long term care homes in the Vancouver region that all provide unique and specialized treatment, there is a wide spectrum of opportunity for physicians. The Vancouver Division of Family Practice is an advocate for all physicians in our Vancouver community, with a focused committee dedicated to issues specifically dealing with seniors and frail elder care. We are here to help physicians provide the best care possible.

As part of their mandate, the Vancouver Division of Family Practice has been engaging both long term care homes and family physicians in a formal attachment process called the Long Term Care Initiative (LTCI). The funding for this Initiative comes from the Family Practice Services Committee (FPSC), and similar LTCI programs have been rolled out through other Divisions of Family Practice provincially. The LTCI is a stable long-term program that has been in place since 2015. It enables physicians who work in long term care and commit to a formal relationship with a care home to receive additional funding if they meet five identified best practice expectations: regular proactive visits, on-site medication reviews, attendance at care conferences, involvement in 24/7 on call, and completed documentation in charts.

The LTCI includes matching physicians that are new to long term care with care homes in need of additional physician support, and a mentorship program is also in place to support getting started. The mentorship program offers up to 7 hours of sessional payment for physicians who are new to long term care and includes: an introduction to key care home personnel, discussion of long term care issues (both clinical and general in nature), and billing support. For physicians familiar with long term care, the mentorship program offers up to 3 hours of sessional payment for handover and orientation, to support the transition to a new care home. At the end of this mentorship process, onboarded physicians will take on a permanent resident panel and sign an Attachment Agreement representing a formal commitment to the care home and the LTCI.

LTCI physicians receive incentive funding in addition to clinical billings for both their participation in the After-hours Care Program (ACP) and community of practice engagement. The ACP provides after-hours support to all LTCI care homes and as it is serviced by LTCI physicians, it ensures that residents and nursing staff receive knowledgeable and appropriate support for after-hours concerns. LTCI physicians take an average of two shifts per quarter, allowing a welcome break from 24/7 care. 5 LTCI practitioners are on shift at any one time to provide full cover of the Vancouver region, and to allow for a back-up process to ensure each call is answered within an appropriate timeframe.

Please complete the following Statement of Interest Form to allow us to work on matching you with a suitable care home and begin your transition into long term care. Welcome to long term care in Vancouver!

Regards,



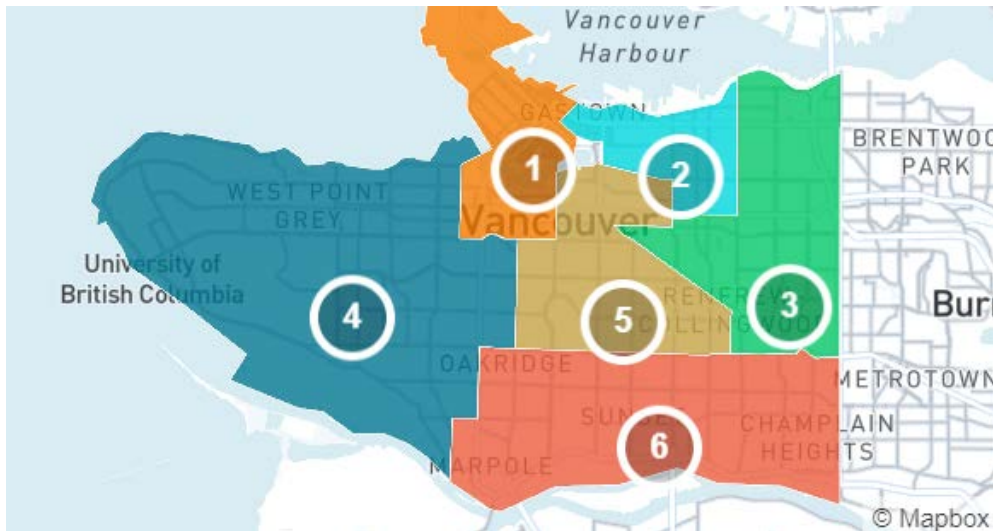
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Statement of Interest in Long Term Care

First name	
Last name	
Email	
Phone #	
Fax #	
Languages you are able to practice in:	

Date: _____

Where would you be interested in working?



Check all that apply:

- CHA 1 - City Centre
- CHA 2 - Downtown Eastside
- CHA 3 - Northeast
- CHA 4 - Westside
- CHA 5 - Midtown
- CHA 6 - South

Which times would work for you to do rounds at your care home?

In general, physicians spend 1-3 hours at a care home every 1-2 weeks depending on their panel size

Check all that apply:

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
	AM		AM		AM		AM		AM
	PM		PM		PM		PM		PM

Statement of Interest in Long Term Care

Do you have a background in long term care?

Yes No

If yes, please elaborate:

Do you have any areas of special interest/additional training that would be relevant to working in long term care?

Are you interested in being paired with a long term care mentor?

Yes No

We have care homes that are owned and operated by Vancouver Coastal Health and Providence Health. Practitioners who work in these care homes are required to hold VCH / PHC credentials :

- Do you currently hold VCH credentials? Yes No
- Do you currently hold PHC credentials? Yes No
- If no, would you be willing to go through the VCH / PHC credentialing process to work at a care home that is owned and operated by VCH / PHC? Yes No

Is there any other information you would like to share with us?