

## 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 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 identified best practice expectations: regular proactive visits, on-site medication reviews, attendance at care conferences, and completed documentation in charts.

The LTCI will facilitate the matching of locum physicians to care homes in need of additional physician support. For physicians who wish to take on a locum panel there is a mentorship program that offers up to 3 hours of sessional payment for handover and orientation, to support the transition of care in the new care home. At the end of this mentorship process, onboarded physicians will take on a locum panel.

Locum physicians who sign the LTCI Locum Roster Agreement receive incentive funding for their community of practice engagement in addition to clinical billings for their resident panel. If the locum is longer-term, additional funding will also be provided for participation in the After-hours Care Program (ACP). 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, and allows practitioners in long term care homes receive a welcome break from 24/7 care. Short-term locums are not required to participate in the ACP.

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,



Jaimie Ashton  
Director of Special Projects

# Statement of Interest in Long Term Care Locums

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**For what period will you be available for locum from/to?**

**Which times would work for you to do rounds at your locum 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	
<input type="checkbox"/>	AM	<input type="checkbox"/>	AM	<input type="checkbox"/>	AM	<input type="checkbox"/>	AM	<input type="checkbox"/>	AM
<input type="checkbox"/>	PM	<input type="checkbox"/>	PM	<input type="checkbox"/>	PM	<input type="checkbox"/>	PM	<input type="checkbox"/>	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?**