



Inpatient Care at Comox Valley Hospital: An Overview for Family Physicians



Family physicians are instrumental to the provision of services at the Comox Valley Hospital (CVH).

CVH is a 153-bed community acute care hospital that serves a population base of approximately 70,000 people. The CVH has a Hospitalist (Doctor of the Day) program, as well as community family physicians who admit and manage their own (or their call group's) patients.

Contact us today to learn more about the numerous options available to fit your schedule and lifestyle!

Hospitalist (Doctor of the Day) Program:

Join a supportive & congenial team providing care to unattached and unassigned inpatients at CVH. Full-time, part-time, or locum opportunities are available. **Scan to learn more:**



Assigned Inpatient Care:

There are currently two call groups of family physicians who admit and manage their own family practice patients at CVH. The **Grey Call Group** provides rotating weekend call coverage while the **Red Call Group** provides a rotating week at a time call coverage.

MEET OTHERS:

Join one of our quarterly **Inpatient Care Hospital Meet and Greet sessions** at CVH, or have a local physician give you a personal hospital tour and/or orientation. Contact the Recruitment Coordinator for details!

GET SUPPORT:

There is funding available to support **mentorship training** through the Rural Education Action Plan (REAP): [Rural Skills Upgrade - RCCbc](#) and [Advanced Skills and Training Program](#).

GET STARTED:

To get your **CVH Hospital privileging** started contact Credentialing_Office@islandhealth.ca or visit [Island Health's Credentialing and Privileging Guidelines website](#) for more information.

GET PAID:

There are multiple funding streams to choose from (including FFS and LFP) plus incentives available to best suit your practice.

CONNECT:

Interested in providing inpatient care or looking to learn more? Contact the Comox Valley's Recruitment Coordinator who will support you in finding an option which best suits your needs: comoxvalleyrecruitment@comoxvalleydivision.ca



Opportunities for Inpatient Care in the Comox Valley: 10 Things to Consider

- 1. Inpatient care is very rewarding:** It is easy to see the positive impact when providing compassionate care for patients and their families when they are at their most vulnerable.
- 2. Providing care to fit your schedule:** You have various options to tailor your schedule to suit your needs and family life, whether it's through rotating weekly call, picking up night shifts with the Hospitalist/DoD group, joining them full-time, or being on call for your own patient panel.
- 3. A chance to work in a modern Hospital:** Comox Valley's 153 acute care bed hospital was built in 2017 and has state of the art equipment in a modern and bright facility.
- 4. Financial feasibility:** Care delivery in both Hospitalist and Assigned Inpatient Care programs are led by teams who are constantly working on improvements which ensures financial sustainability for the providers.
- 5. Meeting a need in the community:** The Comox Valley has a shortage of family physicians providing care for patients in Comox Valley Hospital. This adds strain on our health care system. Any inpatient care you can offer will make a very important difference.
- 6. Change of pace & setting:** Seeing patients in the hospital is a nice opportunity to get out of the office and connect with the community as well as family practice and specialist colleagues.
- 7. Expand Medical Experience:** Inpatients have complex medical needs that are quite different from those seen in a community-based clinic. This offers a chance to expand and maintain your medical expertise.
- 8. Team-based care:** Work alongside colleagues in Anesthesia, Emergency Medicine, Psychiatry (pediatric, adult, & geriatric), General Surgery, Internal Medicine (general and sub-specialty who cover the ICU & Telemetry), Obstetrics/Gynecology, Ophthalmology, ENT, Orthopedics, Palliative Care, Pediatrics, Radiology (U/S, CT, MRI, ECHO), and Urology. Established links exist with tertiary care centres 1 hour away (Nanaimo) and 2.5 hours away (Victoria).
- 9. Supportive community of practice:** When providing inpatient care in the Comox Valley there are options for shared on-call arrangements, mentoring, participation in quality improvement activities, administrative supports, and a community of supportive colleagues.
- 10. Opportunities for teaching:** Comox Valley Hospital is affiliated with the University of British Columbia and the Strathcona Site Family Practice Residency Program which provides opportunities for teaching if you wish.