



Comox Valley Hospital Inpatient Care: An Overview for Family Practitioners

Family physicians are instrumental to the provision of services at the Comox Valley Hospital (CVH). Our hospital has hospitalist physicians, as well as community family physicians who admit and manage their (or their call group's) own patients.



Whether you are a new grad, an experienced locum, an experienced physician with a longitudinal family practice, or a physician in transition (e.g. semi-retirement), come provide full scope family practice to inpatients at CVH. There are numerous options available to fit your schedule/lifestyle.

Hospitalist Program: Hospitalists provide care to unassigned and unattached patients at CVH. The team strives to make physician schedules flexible and accessible. Full-time, part-time, or locum opportunities are available in 3, 4, or, 7-day shifts. Alternative options are also available, including night call only shifts. Daytime coverage is typically 8 am to 6 pm and on-call coverage is 6 pm to 8 am.

Assigned Inpatient Care: Currently there are two different call groups who admit and manage their (or their call group's) own family practice patients at CVH. The Grey Call group provides rotating weekend call coverage (with some family physicians sharing weekday call coverage as well). And the Red Call Group provides a rotating week at a time call coverage.

CONNECT:

Contact the Recruitment Coordinator (comoxvalleyrecruitment@comoxvalleydivision.ca) with any questions and/or to share your availabilities for practicing inpatient care so we can support you in finding an option which best suits you.

GET PAID:

There are multiple funding streams and incentives available - contact the Recruitment Coordinator (comoxvalleyrecruitment@comoxvalleydivision.ca) for details.

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 (comoxvalleyrecruitment@comoxvalleydivision.ca) for details. No commitment is required – come even if you are just curious!

GET SUPPORT:

There is funding available to support receiving 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 Please visit [Island Health's Credentialing and Privileging Guidelines website](#) for more information.



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



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- 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 inpatient care schedule to suit your needs and family life, whether it's through rotating weekly call on an assigned inpatient care call group, picking up night shifts with the Hospitalist group, joining them full-time, or being on call for your patient panel.
- 3 A chance to work in a modern Hospital:** Comox Valley's 153 acute care bed hospital was just 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.

CREATE CHANGE: Have ideas on how to improve Inpatient Care (either Assigned or Unassigned) at the CVH? Consider attending the Inpatient Care Collaborative to collaborate on local solutions. Contact the Recruitment Coordinator (comoxvalleyrecruitment@comoxvalleydivision.ca) for more information.