

Physician Recruitment – GP Psychiatry Program

The Nanaimo Primary Care Network is seeking Physicians to work in collaboration with Psychiatry to provide mental health services to patients in Nanaimo.

This opportunity is ideal for Physicians with an interest in provision of care for those with mental health and substance use concerns. Additional MHSU training is not required as this is a collaborative position with supervising Psychiatrist, though additional training or experience is an asset. This position provides a patient assessment followed by in depth review with the supervising psychiatrist to develop diagnosis and recommended treatment plan. A consultation report is generated to be sent back to the referring primary care provider.

The GP Psych Physicians have provided an important service enabling patients with moderate MHSU concerns to be seen sooner rather than continue to remain on the Psychiatry waitlist. This has also reduced the waitlist for Psychiatry significantly and allowed patients with more urgent/severe conditions to be seen by a Psychiatrist in a more timely manner. Patients who are deemed to need further psychiatric care are booked in with the Psychiatrist.

GP Psych Physicians can provide either **virtual care (off-site) or in-person** care located at MSHU Services at Brooked Landing.

Compensation: Family Physician Group Contract. Rate of \$198.48/hour.

Hours: Each shift is 4-5 hours including both direct and in-direct patient care and is scheduled to overlap with the Psychiatrist's availability. Physicians are scheduled in shifts during regular weekday hours Monday to Friday, with flexibility between 0830 and 1630, excluding statutory holidays.

The Physicians are responsible for the development and management of their schedule. There are no after-hours or on-call expectations.

Patient Commitment: There are **no patient attachment expectations** in this service.

Operational Structure: The GP Psych service is operated through Island Health, Mental Health and Substance Use with funding and supports from the Nanaimo Primary Care Network.

EMR: Cerner

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