

PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY IN BEAMSVILLE

Our 8-physician family practice in Beamsville is looking for a new partner who has an interest in emergency medicine or obstetrics. For those who don't know the area, Beamsville is a small community in Niagara, half way between Hamilton and St. Catharines. Our community is growing and is an interesting mix of farmers, retirees, and commuters with young families working in Hamilton, St. Catharines or Toronto. This mix provides for a good cross section of ages.

Our present office was built in 1989 and was designed by us to suit our needs. There are presently 15 examination rooms (5 pods of 3) and we will usually have at least 2 rooms when we are working. We try to stagger hours to accommodate our patients and maximize use of space and we each work an evening clinic (17:00 to 20:00) each week. We have the support of 4 RN's, 3 office staff, a lab technician/phlebotomist, a dictatypist (for those of us that are keyboard challenged) and 5 front desk staff/receptionists. Many of our staff has worked at the clinic for over 20 years. The building also accommodates a family dentist, a pharmacy, 2 chiropractors and a physiotherapist part time. We became fully electronic (MacMedical) in 1999 and in the last few months have upgraded our system to state of the art computers and software. We became a FHG (family health group) in October 2003, a FHN (family health network) in March 2004 and a FHT (family health team) in July 2006. A FHT includes other health professionals that the provincial government helps us support. Our FHT includes a dietician, social workers, a nurse practitioner and pharmacist to complement our practice.

The hospital that we work out of in Grimsby is a small 70-bed family physician run hospital. All the physicians at the hospital get along well and we all share responsibility for providing excellent care to the residents of Grimsby, Lincoln (Beamsville, Vineland and Jordan) and West Lincoln (Smithville, Caister Centre, etc.). We all are on a call roster for the hospital that can include anaesthetics, ER or family practice and there is an additional roster for those family physicians still providing obstetrical care. On call is no more than one in 4 on any of these rosters and it can be much less. On call during the locum can be negotiated. The consultant group at the hospital includes 2 internists, 2 obstetrician/gynaecologists, a palliative care specialist, a rehab medicine specialist and a general surgeon. There are 5 GP/anaesthetists, so there is 24-hour coverage for epidurals. We have support for paediatrics, orthopaedics, ENT, geriatrics and urology on a weekly basis with clinics run through the ER by visiting specialists.

Details on financial remuneration are flexible given our present funding model. Please call or e-mail to discuss options.

If you are interested in the locum in our practice or have any other questions I can help answer, please let me know. Also, if you are heading this way in the next few months, please let me know, and we can arrange a meeting and a tour of the hospital and community. I can be reached during office hours at 905-563-5315. I can also correspond by e-mail at the address below.

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