

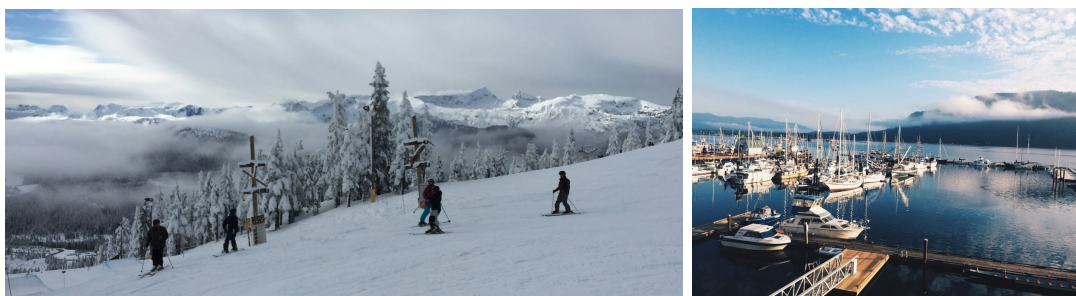
PALLIATIVE CARE OPPORTUNITY on VANCOUVER ISLAND



Island Health is seeking a palliative care physician to share a diverse palliative practice at Cowichan District Hospital in Duncan BC and the surrounding community.

Located in the Cowichan Valley, Duncan is 1 hour north of Victoria and 1 hour south of Nanaimo. The valley is a beautiful rural area with a population of 80,000. The area is serviced by a 140 bed community hospital with plans under way for a new hospital to be built by 2024. We are in the process of building a new 10 bed hospice to be opened in 2020.

The population of the valley includes a large First Nations population and an ever-growing seniors population. The local industry is diverse - agriculture (vineyards, dairy, etc), logging, fishing and tourism. We have mild winters (snow for 1-2 weeks in the valley but with Mount Washington ski facility 3 hours away) and beautiful summers. Recreational opportunities are widespread - one of the few places you can fish, golf and ski in the same day! You can enjoy West Coast living at a fraction of the cost of Vancouver or Victoria.



The successful candidate will hold CCFP and will have completed the year of competency program in palliative medicine and will have acquired the Certificate of Added Competence through the College of Family Physicians of Canada, or hold a minimum of four years palliative care consultant experience. Additional certification in GP oncology is required. Work includes community home consult service and followups, Pain and Symptom Clinic in community, hospital in-patient consult services. Consult service is multi-disciplinary involving home care nursing, hospice counsellor and palliative social worker. Weekly rounds with community home care and with acute care in-patient units. This position is a service contract position. Formal after hour call service is shared by multiple communities and is funded.

GPO work is primarily with palliative chemotherapy patients in the Community Oncology Clinic for 2 days a week. This allows for early integration of palliative care in cancer patients. Access to medical daycare for palliative procedures (paracentesis and thoracentesis). There is no overhead except for a group shared EMR.

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