



Palliative Medicine Position

St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton
&

HNHB Organization of Palliative Care Physicians (HOPE)



Change the way palliative medicine is delivered

St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton & HNHB Organization of Palliative Care Physicians (HOPE) seek to recruit a palliative medicine physician with expertise in clinical palliative medicine for a one-year full-time position effective September 1, 2021. This will be one of the most interesting and exciting positions in palliative medicine in Canada.

As a multi-site, tertiary care, academic and research health care organization, St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton (SJHH) strives to care for patients and families in a spirit of compassion and commits to making a difference in people's lives through innovative health services and internationally recognized programs. As well as having strong general internal medicine, general surgery, and family medicine programs, SJHH specialty and regional services include respiratory and gastrointestinal medicine; nephrology; mental health; ophthalmology, and thoracic, head and neck, and urological surgery.

The Palliative Care Service has been part of St. Joseph's Healthcare since the 1970s. It has long-provided care "upstream" using a palliative care approach to care for people with any diagnosis who can be served by palliative medicine. The service works in collaborative shared-care models across all hospital sites to care for patients and families with complex needs and to support colleagues. It is committed to excellence in clinical care, education, research, and system innovation.

We are redesigning the way we provide palliative care. The palliative medicine physician will be one of four physicians who work collaboratively to provide clinical expertise in palliative medicine. We have just recruited a physician to work both in General Internal Medicine and Palliative Medicine to help integrate care for patients under the service of GIM. We are recruiting a physician to work with Mental Health and Addictions. This position, while one of two full-time generalist palliative medicine positions, will work closely with specialty services across the hospital to develop and integrate palliative care.

The palliative care team is a teaching team for the Division of Palliative Care, Department of Family Medicine, McMaster University. McMaster University's distinctive approach to teaching and its collaborative research community are the basis of its international reputation for innovation, highly rated student experiences, and research excellence.

Academic responsibilities include clinical education and supervision in palliative medicine of all levels of medical learners – staff physicians, medical residents, clerks, and students. Participation in committees with administrative, clinical, educational, research or other mandates is required.

The successful candidate will hold a clinical appointment in both the Department of Family Medicine and the Department of Medicine, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton and will be a member of HOPE, a clinical organization funded by the Ontario Ministry of Health Alternate Funding Plan (AFP).

This is an opportunity to develop and integrate palliative medicine into patient care in an academic tertiary care environment with the support of inter-specialty and interprofessional colleagues who will mentor and support you. As a member of St. Joseph's Healthcare, McMaster University, and HOPE, you will be part of a passionate group of colleagues striving to create a better system of care.

Qualifications and Experience:

- MD with CCFP or equivalent certification
- Accredited training in Palliative Medicine or Certificate of Added Competence in Palliative Care
- Experience in Palliative Medicine as a member of an interdisciplinary team, preferably with experience in more than one setting
- Eligible for licensure by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario
- Eligible to attain an academic appointment with McMaster University at or above the level of Assistant Clinical Professor
- Demonstrated commitment to improving the healthcare system and addressing the needs of structurally vulnerable populations
- Ability to work collaboratively and to develop collegial relationships
- Demonstrated experience in teaching or clinical research
- Energy, enthusiasm and creativity
- A track record of learning

For more information about this position, please contact: Dr. Anne Boyle (aboyle@stjoes.ca) or Dr. Anne Woods (awoods@mcmaster.ca) or call 905-522-1155 ext. 33529.

Interested candidates should send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, and the names of three referees to:

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HNHB Organization of Palliative Care Physician Services/Enhancements (HOPE)

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