



## Citywide Department of Family Medicine

London Health Sciences Centre

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## JOB POSTING

**Locum Physician Position in Palliative Care at London Health Sciences Centre**

**Primary Site: University Hospital**

### Role Description

A locum Palliative Care physician is being sought to provide inpatient palliative care services at University Hospital, a site of London Health Sciences Centre, for:

- **Short-Term Locum (July 1, 2023 to September 2, 2023):** Full-time (1.0 FTE) coverage for six weeks, exact dates to be negotiated.
- **Long-Term Locum (September 2, 2023 onwards):** Two days per week (0.4 FTE), plus 10-12 weeks per year of full-time vacation coverage. Position term is one-year, renewable. Start date may be negotiable. There may be the possibility of combining this 0.4 FTE position with part-time community palliative care opportunities, which could be further discussed upon request.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Preference will be given to applicants who are interested in both the short-term and long-term positions. However, applications for either the short-term or long-term position will still be considered. Applicants are asked to clearly indicate their availability and interest when submitting their application.

Clinical work to occur in the acute inpatient setting alongside a palliative care team consisting of two academic palliative care physicians on at any given time, a nurse practitioner, and 3-4 residents/fellows per month.

University Hospital is a large tertiary teaching hospital that is affiliated with the Western University's Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry. We provide Palliative Care consultations to all services across the inpatient setting, including general internal medicine, neurology and neurosurgery, hepatology/transplant medicine, cardiology, general and orthopedic surgery, ICU and CCU. We assume the role of most responsible physician in our 4 acute palliative care beds, as well as on the internal medicine wards for appropriate patients.

This position would be advantageous to a new fellow transitioning into practice as our palliative care team runs with two staff physicians at a time, providing coverage to a busy consultative team collaboratively. This ensures a high degree of clinical support and an opportunity to transition into practice in a team environment. Additionally, given the bulk of patients seen in our practice setting have non-malignant diagnoses, this locum position would be an excellent fit for a Palliative Care physician, or fellow coming into practice, with an established interest in non-malignant palliative care.

**Qualifications:**

- Physician (CCFP or FRCP) with a license to practice in Ontario.
- Additional training in Palliative Care (i.e. Palliative Medicine residency/fellowship, Certificate of Added Competence (CAC) in palliative care). Applicants with equivalent training and/or experience will be considered.
- The physician must possess strong interpersonal, team and relationship building skills.
- Applicants should demonstrate excellence in clinical care and education, and potential for excellence in quality improvement and/or research.

**Duties:**

- Provide consultations and follow up support to patients referred to the inpatient Palliative Care consult service.
- Admit and provide ongoing care on the Palliative Care Unit as most responsible physician.
- Depending on experience and interest, there may also be opportunities to cover the Non-Malignant Palliative Care Clinic, or Dialysis Consultative service, during times of physician vacation or absences.
- Provide education and supervision of residents and fellows on the palliative care service.
- With the agreement of the HOCC-rostered physicians, provide after-hours coverage for the palliative care service by participating in the palliative care after hours call group at University Hospital.
- The physician, if not already affiliated with the Department of Family Medicine, will be expected to apply for Adjunct Faculty appointment in the Department of Family Medicine at Western University or a cross-appointment if an FRCP applicant. (No monetary remuneration is attached to this appointment.)

**Remuneration:**

- Fee for service billing. Details regarding projected daily minimum billings can be provided upon request.
- Daily on call stipend from the Hospital On-Call Coverage program when on call.

**Duration of Position:**

- The commencement for this position is July 2023 and will constitute 6 weeks of full-time work between July 1, 2023 and September 2, 2023 (exact dates of those 6 weeks within this time frame is flexible and negotiable).

To apply, please email your curriculum vitae and the names and contact information of three (3) references to Dr. Kyra Harris-Schulz (Palliative Care consultant and Assistant professor) at [kyra.harris-schulz@lhsc.on.ca](mailto:kyra.harris-schulz@lhsc.on.ca). Please indicate in your email whether your availability and interest is in the short-term locum, long-term locum, or both positions. You are also welcome to direct any questions/inquiries about the position to Dr. Harris-Schulz prior to application.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and posting removed once position filled. Closing date for short-term locum is April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Closing date for long-term locum is June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – however, should the position go unfilled applications may continue to be reviewed for the long-term locum position ongoing.