

Vacancy Posting- [minimum 1 year contract]

Position Title: Treatment Nurse - Hepatitis C (Hep C)

Hours: 7-14 hours weekly

Position Reports To: Catha McMaster, Clinical Services Manager

Hiring Manager: Catha McMaster, Clinical Services Manager

Location: Work week will entail coverage of Campbellford/Kawartha Lakes/Haliburton/Perborough

Base Salary Range: pro-rated to hours worked and based on \$66,567.00 per annum adjusted

Organization – Quick Overview

Oshawa Community Health Centre (OCHC) is a community-owned, non-profit, charitable organization. Since our founding in 1982 by volunteers, we have proudly worked with our residents to build a strong and healthy community. We are governed by a volunteer Board of Directors and funded primarily by the Central East Local Health Integration Network (CELHIN). The Health Centre's services are free and include a family centered medical practice, social work and counselling and a variety of health promotion and community development projects, many focusing on children, youth and women.

Position Overview

As a member of the HCV Team, the Hep C Treatment Nurse provides direct treatment support in collaboration with the treating physician and multidisciplinary team, liaises with community partners, and provides related education and support when necessary.

Key Responsibilities:

Assess

- Review patient referral from prescribing physician, as well as patient's eligibility for treatment
- Consult with physician if patient is found ineligible for treatment and to provide rationale
- Assess patient drug insurance coverage and assist with the completion of application forms, when necessary
- Have an understanding of the various financial assistance or compensation programs available to people infected through the blood system

Plan

- Maintain additional professional liability insurance, if necessary
- Follow immediate intake protocols and ongoing monitoring
- Work collaboratively with prescribing physician and other health care providers to provide optimal patient care
- Plan a schedule of visits and appointments with patients to monitor treatment
- Problem solve with patients on treatment about the management of their side effects

Implement

- Involve patient in all aspects of treatment and care
- Provide instruction and support as patients learn to administer treatment and manage side-effects
- Contact patients within 72 hours of initial injection to monitor response
- Ensure the prescribing physician receives regular follow-up information on his or her patient, and to report any crises immediately
- Liaise with community partners
- Provide telephone support as necessary
- Provide community education sessions as schedule permits
- Be open to accessing continuing education opportunities

Evaluate

- Develop a follow-up plan with patients
- Document each contact with patients or health care team members, giving the reason for the contact and the action taken
- Routinely compile and enter data as per program directives
- Remain up-to-date on professional knowledge and evolving information.

Key Qualifications

- Registered nurse, with a valid certificate of registration from the College of Nurses of Ontario.
- Must be able to travel to Peterborough two (2) days per week and Oshawa two (2) days per week.
- Willing to become a member of other professional bodies to enhance practice, e.g. Registered Nurses Association of Ontario and Canadian Association of Hepatology Nurses.
- Minimum of five (5) years experience in a clinical setting preferred.
- Community nursing experience, an asset.
- Proven ability to work effectively, independently and as a team member.
- Experience with chronic illness preferred.
- Knowledge of mental health and addictions preferred.
- Familiar with principles of adult education.
- High level of comfort with diverse populations.
- Demonstrated ability to assess medical conditions, and to know when to seek assistance.
- Has the use of an insured motor vehicle for work-related travel and a valid Ontario driver's license.
- Ability to work in an evolving role.

Key Attributes Required

- Effective Communicator
- Self-Directed and able to take initiative
- Collaborative Team Player
- Effective Interpersonal Skills
- Strong Time Management & Organizational skills
- Adaptable – to the needs of others; to changing priorities
- Crisis management, Decision-making, and Problem-Solving skills

Please submit applications to Maria Nebres (mnebres@ochc.ca) by **November 11, 2011**.

Target Start Date: TBD

Note: Internal and External search are being conducted concurrently. We welcome referrals from our Staff. While we thank all applicants for their interest in applying, only those qualified and considered for interview will be contacted. All applicant submissions will be kept on file for six months, for future consideration.