

Clinical Assistant**Department of Surgery, Division of Neurosurgery, Nova Scotia Health (NSH)**

The Division of Neurosurgery in the Department of Surgery at Nova Scotia Health (NSH) is seeking a Clinical Assistant. The Division's neurosurgeons provide tertiary care services to the province of Nova Scotia (population 1 million) and quaternary neurosurgical care services to Atlantic Canada (2.4 million). Nova Scotia Health is the largest provider of health services in Nova Scotia. We are over 22,000 employees who provide health care and support services in hospitals, health centres and community-based programs throughout Nova Scotia.

Clinical Assistants are conditionally licensed physicians employed by NSH to provide primary medical care. This Clinical Assistant is assigned to the Central Zone Department of Surgery, Division of Neurosurgery. Clinical Assistants report directly to the Division Head of Neurosurgery or designate, and indirectly to the Executive Medical Director, Central Zone.

The Clinical Assistant will function as an important and highly valued member of the Neurosurgery team. All duties are carried out under the supervision of an attending neurosurgeon and may include the following: make regular rounds with supervising staff, fellows, and residents on the in-patient units, the emergency department and in the ICU as required; manage the day-to-day care of inpatients, including writing medical orders, responding to consultation requests from other services, admission history and physical examinations, progress notes, discharge summaries, death certificates, medication reconciliations and responding to emergencies in hospital; perform procedures within the scope of their demonstrated competence; assist at surgical procedures under direct supervision of the attending surgeon; and participate in on-call responsibilities of the service.

The successful candidate must meet the requirements to obtain a Clinical Assistant License from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Nova Scotia; CMPA coverage will be required. ACLS and ATLS certification will be required. Completion of the equivalence of a rotating internship and postgraduate training and experience in Neurosurgery are considered assets. Previous experience as a Clinical Assistant in a tertiary care hospital, and/or experience in active general or family practice in the community are also considered assets.

We invite an interested applicant to submit their CV, along with a cover letter highlighting strengths and providing contact information for three referees to:

Dr. David Clarke, Professor & Head, Division of Neurosurgery
c/o Lorraine Bell-Hill at lorraine.bell-hill@nshealth.ca
QEII Health Sciences Centre
1796 Summer Street, Room 3848
Halifax NS Canada B3H 3A7