

## **Hospital Dentistry – Vancouver Acute**

### **The Role**

Join the Department of Dentistry at Vancouver Acute to provide comprehensive care for the management of general dental needs in the medically complex dental patients who are unable to seek dental care in community. The role includes the management of medical complex dental patient in our outpatient dental clinic at DHCC, in the operating theatre, on the hospital wards and also as an on call service. The Department of Dentistry comprises a group of dedicated and collegial providers who provide 24/7 call coverage for the emergency centre along with providing ward consults and dental care both in the operating theatre and outpatient clinic setting. As a centre for tertiary care, we are also responsible for transfers of patients from across the province when local coverage is lacking.

### **Who We Are**

Vancouver Coastal Health is one of British Columbia's five regional health authorities, Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) is a world class innovator in medical care, research and teaching, delivering service to more than one million BC residents. Dedicated to coming together as one collective health care team to deliver an exceptional care experience for all, we care for everyone, are always learning and striving for better results. We bring together the resources of 13 hospitals, a number of community health centres, 2,500 physicians, more than 13,500 full time staff, and over \$3 billion in funding. It has an active and supportive research arm in VCH Research Institute and has affiliations with a number of academic institutions.

Vancouver General Hospital is a fully accredited and equipped community hospital with over a 1,000 acute (and residential) care beds serving both the patients of Vancouver and from across the province. It has 21 operating rooms, 40 outpatient clinics and a single emergency department. The hospital has a wide range of medical services for the community including ICU, CCU and interventional radiology. Patients are supported by both social workers and dietitians.

VGH is also a teaching hospital that is part of the network of hospitals that supports the University of British Columbia undergraduate dental residency program. Many clinical services have rotations of dental students and residents. The role will involve teaching of dental residents and providing mentorship and guidance while they are on call. An academic appointment is encouraged.

### **What You'll Do**

Join a group of hospital dentists and contribute to managing patients who need a hospital setting for safe dental care. On call services are provided in a 1 in 5 rotation. You will be part of the Division of Oral and Clinical Dentistry within the Department of Dentistry with a talented, dedicated and collegial group who work together to provide excellent patient care. Your role will include emergency consultations / surgical care – both elective and emergency, in patient care and on ward consultations as needed. Patients managed by you and the team belong to

Vancouver Coastal Health and there is no opportunity for private patients to be seen at this time. You will also be assigned administrative duties at the discretion of the Department Head.

**Who You Are (select appropriate bullets and add additional descriptors as needed)**

- A dental graduate from an accredited program with either a DDS or DMD degree.
- Provincial license to practice Dentistry from the College of Dental Surgeons of BC
- Candidates must also obtain a Canadian Medical Protective Association (CMPA) or CDSPI membership with a minimum of \$3 000 0000 malpractice insurance coverage
- Passionate: Passionate about patient welfare you understand the importance of delivering high quality care in the context of complex health care systems.
- A Strong Communicator: Understanding the importance of continuous and effective communication, you are highly skilled at listening, engaging and consulting with diverse stakeholders including patients, internal and external healthcare professionals and caseworker teams.
- A Leader: have the ability to pull together the appropriate data and resources to make sound decisions that are based on fact and supported rationale. The common sense and good judgement to 'make the call' or understand the risks associated with certain decisions and able to work well under pressure.
- An educator: have the ability to inspire lifelong learning in students, residents, nurses and colleagues. You are committed to knowing best practices and communicating them effectively to those around you.
- A researcher: you have a commitment and a proven track record as a researcher. You have successfully applied for grants and brought forward articles for publication.

Interested applicants, please email your cover letter, CV and any other relevant documents for review to [debbie.fonseca@vch.ca](mailto:debbie.fonseca@vch.ca)