LOCUM POSITION: CLINICAL ASSISTANT, INPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH

CHEO, a 150-bed pediatric hospital in Ottawa, ON, Canada is seeking a Clinical Assistant to work in the Inpatient Mental Health Program. The job is a 4 month locum tenens term covering a maternity leave from October 25, 2021 to February 28th 2022.

Setting and Duties
Patient Population: children and adolescents
Time commitment: 4 hours per weekday, generally mornings, no evenings, no call, training with current CA prior to leave
Hourly rate TBD with shadow billing

The Clinical Assistant (CA) is a family physician member of the Inpatient Psychiatry Multidisciplinary Team (IPMDT) on 6 East/North who primarily attends to the relevant general medical conditions of mental health inpatients with an approach grounded in the principles of family medicine (i.e. patient centred clinical method). Physical examination of all patients is required within 24 hours of admission to hospital and should be performed by the CA unless this period falls on weekends or a day when the CA is not working (e.g. vacation). Under these circumstances, this assessment falls to the attending or on call psychiatry team.

- The CA may attend daily huddle and inpatient rounds and provides input regarding general medical conditions of the inpatients.
- The CA also communicates informally with members of the IPMDT, to formulate plans related to the management of the general medical conditions. The CA participates in case conferences and family meetings as needed.
- The CA performs admission examinations, review of systems, and an assessment of general past medical history, including risky behaviours and immunization status on new patients.
- The CA reviews the routine labs and vitals.
- The CA orders and interprets any other necessary laboratory tests or diagnostic imaging studies related to general medical conditions.
- The CA consults with other services in CHEO as well as the patient’s community based medical services (e.g. family physician/pediatrician) as necessary related to general medical conditions.
- The CA updates the after visit summary regarding any relevant general medical conditions and necessary follow up post discharge.
- The CA provides discharge prescriptions for new medications related to general medical conditions unless the condition is being managed by another service within CHEO during the admission.
- The CA performs discharge exams and contributes to the necessary letters/reports in the case of patient transfer to other facilities if such information is requested (e.g. CAS, group homes).

If interested, please contact Dr. Hazen Gandy, Inpatient Medical Director, CHEO Mental Health: Gandy@cheo.on.ca and Kristy Spencer, Administrative Coordinator for the Department of Psychiatry: krspencer@cheo.on.ca