



INTRODUCTION:

BC Children's Hospital (BCCH) is the major tertiary care referral centre for British Columbia and the Yukon. Over 9000 surgical cases are performed each year. The fellowship is a mixed clinical and research position. About 60% of time will be spent in clinical practice, and 40% in academic endeavor. Fellows are expected to be academically productive during their time at Children's.

The hospital admits patients up to nineteen years old and has a busy Pediatric Anesthesia Department. There is a large Day Care Surgery Program. Anesthesia is provided for all aspects of pediatric surgery including cardiovascular, general, orthopedic and neurosurgery. Additionally, the Anesthesia Department provides sedation services for areas outside the operating room including radiology, the oncology clinic, endoscopy clinic and the burn unit. There is a busy acute pain service and liaison with the complex pain management program. Children's Hospital is affiliated with Women's Health Centre, the tertiary care obstetrical hospital for British Columbia, which is the largest maternal-fetal-newborn clinical service in Canada, and hence there is considerable volume of newborn surgery. A busy Pediatric Intensive Care Unit with over 20 beds and a 50 Neonatal Intensive Care Unit are situated within the Hospital.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Applicants should contact the Fellowship director via email expressing their interest and desired start date. This should occur at least 18 to 24 months prior to the expected start date. The applicant should attach a well-formatted pdf copy of their CV for the Fellowship Director to review. A typical competitive CV will contain evidence of an interest in and some experience with evaluative work such as case-reports, audits and research. The applicant should fill out the application form and supply all requested documentation on the application check list. Ensure that your personal covering letter includes specific information as to why a Pediatric Anesthesia Fellowship will contribute to your career plans. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Successful candidates will be notified at least 12 to 18 months prior to the anticipated start date. Preference will be given to suitably qualified Canadian applicants. The completed application package, including cover letter, CV, application form and supporting documents should be sent to the BCCH Fellowship Program Director: Dr. Katherine M. Bailey. Email: pedsanesfellowship@cw.bc.ca

CLINICAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

The duration of the appointment is 12 months. Fellows in Pediatric Anesthesia, supervised by members of the anesthesia staff, are expected to engage in clinical activities including some on-call. Fellows will rotate through all surgical specialties. There is a program of graduated responsibility over the first six months, progressing to allowing the fellow to demonstrate independent practice in the second half of the fellowship. Fellows do a 4 week subspecialty rotation in Cardiac Anesthesia and a 4 week rotation in the Pediatric ICU. There is the opportunity for the Fellow to voluntarily participate in a two week international peri-operative health experience. Fellows rotate through the Acute Pain Service, where they will gain experience in daytime pain management and night/weekend pain call. Acute Pain Service call is assigned on average every 1 in 6 weeks including weekends. Fellows participate in the Anesthesia In-Patient Consultation Service and the Pre-Anesthesia Assessment Clinic. In addition, the Fellow is responsible for participating in ongoing Resident and Medical Student teaching activities.

RESEARCH RESPONSIBILITIES:

A maximum of two days per week may be protected for academic and research pursuits for Fellows. Academic time awarded is reassessed quarterly depending on productivity. Projects may comprise clinical research projects or basic science research projects. All research projects are under the direction of the Director of Research in association with PART (the Pediatric Anesthesia Research Team), the University of British Columbia and/or other hospital departments at BC Children's Hospital. It is expected that every Fellow will complete at least 1 research project to the publication or presentation stage during their period of Fellowship and all assistance will be given to them in completing this. Fellows are also expected to publish at least one case report and/or review article during their year with the supervision of an appropriate staff person.

ACADEMIC/SIM RESPONSIBILITIES:

Fellows are expected to attend and participate in all rounds and to prepare presentations for rounds where indicated. Rounds consist of monthly Quality Improvement rounds, daily morning teaching rounds, semi-annual journal club, UBC city wide journal club and UBC Anesthesia Visiting Professor Series rounds. Approximately two 30 minute resident teaching session per month will be taught by each fellow focusing on topics concerning pediatric anesthesia. Fellows are also responsible to give at least 2 formal presentations during the year. Occasionally, Fellows may be able to participate in suitable special academic projects as arranged with the Fellowship Director. Fellows will also have the opportunity to participate in up to 10 SIM days including train-the-trainer courses and facilitating running SIM events.

LICENSURE:

Fellows in Anesthesia must be licensed by the College of Physicians & Surgeons of British Columbia and have the appropriate Medical Liability insurance, for example, the Canadian Medical Protective Association, during their period of Fellowship.

BENEFITS:

The remuneration for Fellows is linked to the PAR-BC PGY 6 level. There is no additional remuneration for On-Call assignments and pain service activities. Medical, Dental and Extended Health coverage is provided by the employer, the Provincial Health Services Association. The Canadian Medical Protective Association and College registration fees will be paid for by the Fellow. In addition the Fellow will be responsible for all other expenses including parking, accommodation, meals, etc. There is no accommodation available within the Hospital or University, however there is rental accommodation available in the immediate vicinity of the Hospital.

VACATION AND LEAVE:

The Fellow is entitled to 4 weeks vacation leave (20 working days). Only in exceptional circumstances is vacation leave granted to Fellows during July and August at the start of the fellowship year. Leave for academic purposes to present academic work at an approved meeting in North America is a priority and will be granted. If the Fellow is presenting work done at BC Children's Hospital some travel funds may be available. Conference leave of 5 days is encouraged at an approved meeting and funding is available. Academic leave and vacation leave may only be taken after prior approval by the Fellowship Director and the Scheduling Anesthesiologist.

CRIMINAL RECORDS REVIEW ACT

The British Columbia's Criminal Records Review Act was enacted to protect children from physical and sexual abuse. Effective January 1, 1996, this law requires us to conduct mandatory criminal record checks, through the Attorney General's office, on potential new employees who are not covered by a governing body (i.e. RNABC). This law requires that, for anyone who is identified through this process as being a risk to children, the organization must take action to ensure the individual does not work with children. **As a result, a criminal record check must be conducted before an offer of employment is finalized.** The turn around time for the criminal check is between 24 and 48 hours. If the Attorney General's Office identifies the potential new employee as being a risk to children, then the employment offer will not be completed. Should a potential new employee refuse to complete the criminal check form, then we will not finalize the employment offer.