

Sudbury Pediatrics

Welcome

Thank-you for considering Sudbury Pediatrics for your clinical elective. Sudbury is a great place to experience community consulting pediatrics in a Northern setting with no rapid access to a tertiary centre or subspecialists. For medical students it is a great way to immerse yourself in classic pediatric presentations. For pediatric residents, this is your chance to manage complex and specialty cases with more independence. All of the pediatricians here practice as a team. We pride ourselves on customizing clinical experiences that will meet your learning objectives and will work with you one-on-one to meet them. Outside of work, take some time to enjoy the surrounding natural beauty in four distinct seasons.

Pediatric services

The pediatric ward and NICU are located at Health Sciences North, we are a part of the NEO Kids and Family Program. The pediatrics unit holds 12 general pediatric beds as well as 10 beds in our advanced Level 2 Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. The NICU is adjacent to Combined Care which includes delivery suites and postpartum unit.

The hospital pediatric service is staffed continuously by an on-call pediatrician, who is supported by pediatric-trained nurses, a pediatric dietician and respiratory therapists trained in NRP. We also have a social worker that is share with Combined Care. A lactation consultant visits from the health unit. Pediatric consults originate from the emergency department, labour and delivery, satellite hospitals in the district, and occasionally family physicians' offices.

Our NICU is equipped and staffed to handle neonates at 29 weeks gestational age or greater including ventilation, TPN, central lines, nasogastric feeding, and phototherapy.

A portion of our outpatient medical services are concentrated at the **Enfants NEO Kids** where all of the local consulting pediatricians have their office-based practices. The NEO kids building is located on the hospital grounds. We work closely with two Nurse Practitioners. They hold asthma clinic, FASD clinic and ADHD clinics.

Some of the pediatricians hold specialty clinics the Autism Diagnostic Team, Diabetes Clinic for the management of type 1 and type 2 diabetes, Neonatal Follow up Clinic, Botox clinic, Cystic Fibrosis clinic, Pediatric Cancer clinic and the Pediatric Abuse Referral and Evaluation clinic.

We are fortunate to have several visiting subspecialist including Cardiology, Rheumatology, Allergy and Orthopedics.

On-Call Schedule

The PARO-CAHO Collective Agreement is respected for all local and visiting residents. All call in Sudbury is home-call, and we ask that you be within 20 minutes of the hospital. There are call rooms at the hospital if required. The maximum home call rate is 1-in-4, and at least one in every two weekends will be free of all clinical duties. Elective medical students do not do call.

Number of Patient Visits per Week

At any given time there may be 3-10 babies in the NICU and 2-12 children admitted to the hospital. The number of new consults per day is also highly variable, with some quiet days and others which are extremely busy. The pediatrician is only called to high-risk deliveries.

Outside the hospital, pediatricians may see anywhere from 10-20 patients per clinic day.

Training Level

Sudbury Pediatrics will accept trainees at all levels including pediatric residents, off-service residents, clinical clerks and medical students who have completed a course in pediatric clinical skills.

Work Setting

Learners will spend most of their time at NEO kids with at least one week in the hospital. Where possible we will schedule learners in specialty clinics. If you have a special interest that you would like to further explore, please let us know. We will do our best to ensure that your objectives are met.

Specialization

The pediatricians you would work with are general pediatricians who do consulting rather than primary care. We see infants, children and adolescents with a wide variety of clinical presentations and typically have a broader scope than pediatricians in urban settings. The nearest tertiary centre is 3.5 hours away by car or 1 hour by air.