

## Thunder Bay

Thank you for your interest in a pediatric elective in Thunder Bay!  
We are excited to share our unique practice with you!

Thunder Bay is the largest community in Northwestern Ontario, and we serve a large and diverse population of pediatric patients- West from Kenora and the Manitoba border, North from Fort Severn First Nation and the 28 unique First Nations communities North of Sioux Lookout, and East to Marathon. This rotation is a fabulous way to see a variety of medicine from acute pediatric emergencies to neonatal intensive care to complex pediatric care, and medical and behavioural consultative pediatrics. We balance inpatient pediatric and neonatal care with outpatient pediatrics and outreach opportunities to Sioux Lookout, Fort Frances and Dryden. Our learners have the opportunity to work closely with preceptors who are passionate about teaching, while building autonomy in seeing patients commiserate to level of training. We look forward to helping you meet your pediatric objectives and hope we will be able to welcome you to our beautiful community- with as much to do in the great outdoors as there is to do at work!

### Pediatric Services

Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Center provides inpatient pediatric services divided between a pediatric ward with approximately 13 beds, an NICU with approximately 12 beds, a child and adolescent mental health unit with 9 beds and a normal newborn unit. We also have an outpatient pediatrics clinic in the hospital for medically complex children, early discharge follow up and emergency room consults.

Our NICU looks after babies born at 30 weeks gestational age and above and we manage ventilation, parenteral nutrition, central lines, nasogastric feeding and phototherapy. We respond to any high risk deliveries.

Pediatric services are provided in Thunder Bay by a complement of 7 pediatricians. We share all call and inpatient work equally and we each maintain a busy outpatient pediatrics practice, including time spent at multidisciplinary Diabetes clinics and our child development center. Two of us provide outreach services to surrounding rural communities: Dr. Bakovic goes to Sioux Lookout and Dr. Warkentin goes to both Fort Frances and Dryden. On call shifts are in house and will respect PAIRO call rules. Residents will often take first call with the support of the staff preceptor- providing a great opportunity to build autonomy.

### Training Level

We are happy to accept learners of all training levels (pre-clerkship, clerkship, off service residents and pediatric residents) and many disciplines.

### Work Settings

All learners will spend time at the hospital and in outpatient clinics both in and outside of the hospital. You may have the opportunity to participate in Diabetes clinics at St. Joseph's Care Group or child development clinics at George Jeffries Children's Centre. If you are interested, please inquire about available opportunities to travel to Sioux Lookout, Fort Frances or Dryden. We love to have learners accompany us on these trips, although the trip may or may not be available during a given month. Let us know if you're interested!

### Specialization

All of the pediatricians in Thunder Bay do inpatient hospitalist pediatrics, NICU and consultative outpatient pediatrics. Dr. Bakovic travels to Sioux Lookout one week every two months to provide outreach consultative clinics, and Dr. Warkentin travels to Fort Frances and Dryden to do the same. Dr. Sirror is a Pediatric Allergist and Immunologist, and although she practices full scope general pediatrics as well, her outpatient practice provides the unique opportunity to see allergy medicine and more complex asthma and atopy cases.