

Community Pediatrics Elective at Niagara Health System:

COVID impacts some of the below opportunities. Please discuss updated changes with Pediatric CTU Director

Rotation Description:

- 4 weeks in duration
- Based at St. Catharine's General Hospital
- Approximately 3000 deliveries per year
- Pediatricians attend all high-risk deliveries
- Level 2c nursery – 18 beds caring for infants down to GA 30+0 weeks, intubation x 1 week, NIPPV, CPAP, HFNC, TPN, Umbilical lines, chest tubes
- 40 000 – 45 000 ER and urgent care centre visits per year
 - ~ 15% of visits are for children <18 years
 - 25-30% of Pediatric ER visits are referred to Pediatrician
 - 15% result in admission
- 18 bed Pediatric ward (including 4 mental health beds)
- 17 birthing rooms and 22 post partem beds (run by Pediatrics team)
- Accept advise and transport calls from:
 - Midwives in Niagara and surrounding region
 - Neighbouring Hospitals: Welland General and Greater Niagara General (Niagara Falls)
 - Urgent Care Centres – Fort Erie and Port Colborne
- Bilirubin clinic – open 7 days per week in the mornings (LC consultant support)
- PRAC (ER follow up clinic) Monday-Friday afternoons
- Clinical Decision Unit (CDU) – referral from Community Pediatricians for in-patient assessment
- Out-patient clinic opportunities
 - General Pediatrics in Community offices:
 - Dr. Kaleem Ashraf
 - Dr. Fatima Bhetasi
 - Dr. Omer Shaikh
 - Dr. Hala Shakhathreh
 - Dr. Youness Al Darazi
 - Pediatric Neurology and Development Clinics with Dr. Kaitlin Siu and Dr. Mandeep Sidhu
 - Development assessments at Niagara Children's Centre
 - Pediatric Cardiology Clinic with Dr. Rubeena Khan – Ancaster
 - Diabetes (multi-disciplinary)
 - Asthma Clinic (multi-disciplinary with RTs)
 - Antenatal Clinic – once per month with Dr. MacKenzie, Dr. Daoud & Dr. Kaur

Typical Day on In-Patient Ward:

- 0700-1200: Pediatric Ward Rounds or
Level 2c Nursery Rounds or
Post-partem Well Newborn Rounds
Bilirubin clinic
ER/CDU consults

High Risk Deliveries

- 1200 – 1700: PRAC Clinic
ER/CDU consults
High Risk Deliveries
Follow up on admitted patients on the above wards

On-Call Expectations:

- Total 4-6 calls depending on in-patient/outpatient schedule
- No weekday in hospital calls during out-patient rotation
- 1 weekday call per week of in-patient rotation 1700-2200 (also work during that day)
- 2 weekend day calls 0700-1700 or 1 24 hour weekend call

Learners:

- Pediatric residents from McMaster and elective rotations from across Canada
- Family Medicine residents (Niagara Regional Campus)
- Clerkship students from Niagara Regional Campus and electives from across Canada
- Physician Assistant students
- Nurse Practitioner students

Accommodation, Meals, Parking and Transportation:

- To be arranged on your own
- The link below is a great Mac-Care tool that helps identify if you qualify for funding to help offset costs for your 4-week block rotation.

[MacCare | Travel & Housing Policy \(mcmaster.ca\)](#)

- We have 6 medical learner call rooms; these rooms are designated for our medical learners; both clerks and residents. Here is the direction to the call rooms (the resident lounge on the third floor is temporarily out of commission due to pandemic needs):
- The on-call rooms are on the 3rd floor near the pharmacy department. If you take the main elevators to the third floor, turn left down the straight hallway and go to the end – the door in front of you says pharmacy, do not go through the door but turn right. Go down this hallway and on the right-hand side (close to the end again) you will see a badge access door that says “On-Call Rooms”. Go through it and there you will find the rooms.

Hospital Contact Information:

- For any Electives in hospital or community it is the same process. The resident is asked to complete the distributed site form (link seen below) 8 weeks prior to the block being requested. Krista MacAulay will then review the form, confirm capacity for placement and send out confirmations to the residents. Residents are not permitted to pre-arrange their rotations with hospital staff.
- <https://pgme.mcmaster.ca/forms/visiting-elective-distributed-sites/>

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