

## FACT SHEET



**The Medicine Program at Providence Health Care** contributes to the continuum of care from community-based medicine to specialized care.

**The Medicine Program provides the following specialty and subspecialty services:**

- Internal Medicine
- Neurology
- Cystic Fibrosis
- Dermatology
- Infectious Diseases
- Family Medicine
- Respiratory
- Geriatrics
- Hematology
- Community Medicine
- Endocrinology
- Nephrology
- Rheumatology
- Gastroenterology
- Cardiology

These clinical services provide educational opportunities for a variety of different professional disciplines as well as being a major in-patient teaching centre for medicine. Research is emphasized within the Medicine Program.

The populations served in the Medicine Program represent a variety of demographic groups that include elderly patients, multicultural patients (Asian, Aboriginal), the downtown homeless, and those with addiction issues. Some of the more common diagnostic groups include: COPD, CHF, Cystic Fibrosis, Sepsis, Cellulitis, Bacterial Endocarditis, Diabetes, Cerebrovascular Accidents, newly diagnosed Cancers, HIV, Leukemia, Renal Failure, and Liver Failure. Many of the patients in these diagnostic groups present with co-morbid conditions.

Our Facilities Include:

- 115 medical beds at St. Paul's Hospital
- 57 medical beds at Mount Saint Joseph Hospital
- Several ambulatory clinics and services

### Nursing Excellence

The Medicine Program at Providence offers a challenging work experience desired by many new graduates as well as those returning from specialty programs. Our inpatient units have support provided by Clinical Nurse Leaders and Nurse Educators. There is an extensive orientation, as well as weekly opportunities built in for discussion concerning self-care, patient safety, and safe medication management. Paid Education Programs are held during the year. They allow nurses to attend a variety of seminars during a day away from their units. Nurses are also encouraged to attend a variety of other workshops that include such topics as wound care, workplace safety, and strategies for staying healthy within the environment of shift work.

The attraction to Medicine comes from the complexity and variety of patients cared for and is reinforced by the support and camaraderie nurses find within the care team. For many, an integral part of why they like to work on the medical units is the teamwork. It is not only found in relationships with other nurses but also with physicians and allied staff members. Interdisciplinary meetings, held every weekday morning, give team members a voice in the plans of care for the patients.

We are known for our quality and compassionate care. Patients and families take time to write to us about the "extra effort," "professionalism and humanity," and "expertise" that they encountered during their stay.

If you are interested in practicing in this kind of environment please visit the *Careers* section of our website at:

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