British Columbia

WHY SHOULD I WORK IN THIS PROVINCE?

British Columbia has a number of collaborative programs, the result of a unique and innovative partnership between Doctors of BC and the provincial government. A productive working relationship with the government has led to several initiatives including programs that target health care funding, gaps in care, and support doctors to provide quality patient care and enhance professional satisfaction. British Columbia also offers a unique lifestyle. There is no other province in Canada that can offer the diversity provided by British Columbia — from remote mountain areas and large urban centres to island communities — there is something for everyone.

CLUB MD

Doctors of BC is committed to supporting you in your transition from medical school to residency. As a member, you have access to exclusive savings and value adds on a wide range of products, services and experiences through our Club MD program. Take advantage of travel discounts on hotels, car rentals, and flights between the Lower Mainland and the Islands. And once you’ve matched with your residency, we have a moving service that will ensure your transition is as smooth as possible. Before buying “off the rack”, be sure to check out Club MD first.

MEDICAL STUDENTS

- Become part of a medical community working toward meaningful change in the health care system.
- Get support in dealing with government and other bodies on issues of importance to you.
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RESIDENTS

- Resident representation and over 70 specialized committees to get involved with.
- Physician networking events and the opportunity to voice your concerns and interests.
- Discounted insurance plans and extended health and benefit plans.
- Access to counselling services and wellness support.
- Recognition through awards and published articles and blog posts in the BC Medical Journal.

MD FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

- (bcregion1@hcma.ca)
- Abbotsford - (888) 326-9993
- Kamloops - (888) 217-6888
- Kelowna - (800) 249-1133
- Nanaimo - (888) 326-9994
- New Westminster - (800) 498-1881
- North Vancouver - (877) 987-5553
- Prince George - (888) 326-9992
- Surrey - (866) 748-7220
- Vancouver - (800) 663-7460
- Victoria - (800) 716-8498

OTHER USEFUL URLS

- General Practice Services: gpbc.ca
- Specialist Services Committee: sscbc.ca
- Divisions of Family Practice: divisionsbc.ca/provincial/home
- Rural Coordination Centre of BC (RCCBs): crccbc.ca
- Health Match BC: healthmatchbc.org
- College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia: cpsbc.ca
- British Columbia Ministry of Health: gov.bc.ca/health

Alberta

LIVING AND WORKING IN ALBERTA

Alberta is a beautiful province, ranging from barren forests to wide open prairies to the majestic Rocky Mountains. With a flourishing economy and a growing population of nearly four million, Alberta represents an excellent opportunity for a newly practising physician. There are plenty of choices, whether you would like to work in an urban centre or a rural community.

PROVINCIAL INITIATIVES

On May 30, 2013, the AMA membership ratified a new seven-year agreement with Alberta Health. The AMA agreement will offer new opportunities for physicians as a profession to have a voice in how the system is designed and delivered. It’s an environment in which government is required to consult with the AMA on matters that “touch and concern” physicians.

- Reconfirmation of the AMA’s role
- Sub-agreements covering electronic medical records, primary care, and system-wide efficiencies and savings
- Dispute resolution mechanisms
- Evergreen components for stability between agreements

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Alberta offers a wide range of general practice and specialty practice options. According to the Alberta Physician Link employment opportunities website, the specialties in the province for the opportunity with work include:

- General practice/family medicine
- General practice with a sub-specialty in palliative care
- Anesthesiology
- General surgery or obstetrics
- Obstetrics, pediatrics and psychiatry

OTHER USEFUL URLS

- AM-A for resident physicians: abrdoc.org/services/residents
- Manage your AMA membership: abrdoc.org/about/membership