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.
- Access to student loan forgiveness programs and $150,000 in annual bursaries.
- Have disability and life insurance paid in your first year, with discounted rates in subsequent years.
- Access free confidential counselling services and wellness support through the Physician Health Program. For more information logon to physicianshealth.com or call 1-800-663-6729.
- Network with experienced doctors to learn about their experiences in different facets of medicine.
- Submit articles and blog posts to the BC Medical Journal and are eligible to enter into literary contests.
- Apply for summer internships at Doctors of BC.

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.

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OTHER USEFUL URLS
General Practice Services Committee: gpbc.ca
Specialist Services Committee: gspbc.ca
Divisions of Family Practice: divisionsbc.ca/provincial/home
Rural Coordination Centre of BC (RCCbc): rccbc.ca
Health Match BC: healthmatchbc.org
College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia: cpbc.ca
British Columbia Ministry of Health: gov.bc.ca/health