



## **COMMUNITY ADULT RESPIROLOGIST - INTERNAL MEDICINE DEPARTMENT**

St. Martha's Hospital, Antigonish, Nova Scotia

### **Employment Term: Full-time**

St. Martha's Hospital is seeking a respirologist to provide inpatient and outpatient consultative services. The internal medicine group in Antigonish currently includes a cardiologist, three general internists and is actively recruiting for GIM and a gastroenterologist. Inpatient call is equally shared, with added locum support on weekends, and includes coverage of a 6-bed ICU. St. Martha's specialists enjoy collegial relationships with hospitalists, family physicians who often cover their own patients in hospital, and the local complement of specialists including an extremely supportive radiology department. The hospital has had a presence in the community for over 100 years and has a strong reputation for high-quality care, concern for the vulnerable, and dedication to truly doing what is best for the patient – even when creative solutions are needed.

### **Respirology Highlights:**

The outpatient respirology catchment area includes referrals from Truro to Inverness, and outreach clinics are at the discretion of the specialist. Services include bronchoscopy, pulmonary function test and sleep study interpretation. Collaboration with the thoracic surgery team facilitates work-up and management of lung cancer; and the practice has historically included a clinical focus on COPD, asthma, interstitial lung disease, and cancer. Participation in the internal medicine call schedule is expected, and teaching of medical students and/or residents is optional, based on physician preference.

Payment is fee-for-service, plus call stipends and incentives as per the Master Agreement of Nova Scotia. Clinic space is available in continuity with the hospital at low cost, with physicians having autonomous outpatient practice according to the schedule of their choice. Candidates must be certified by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and be eligible to be licensed with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Nova Scotia. Support is available for site visits and relocation.

### **Additional funding and support:**

A local donor is prepared to offer a \$30,000 one-time recruitment bonus to the successful candidate for this position. A corporate donor has dedicated a one-million-dollar endowment to cardiorespiratory care, which will provide up to \$40,000 per year in perpetuity for development of respiratory services to our population. St. Martha's has tremendous local support, and is committed to ensuring that its valued specialists have the tools they need to provide excellent care. Provincial support is available for initiation of the INSPIRED program at our site, depending on the availability of physician leadership.

**Community:**

Antigonish is a beautiful town nestled among the rolling hills of Nova Scotia, and is home to St. Francis Xavier University – including the Coady Institute for international development. Students, farmers, fishermen, academics and artists of all stripes rub shoulders at the farmer's market, the annual Highland Games and numerous community events throughout the year. The local school system includes French, English, and French immersion options, as well as an international baccalaureate program. Outdoor and indoor recreational facilities are excellent, partly due to the university presence. Whether you choose to live in town or in the country, you're never far from the ocean – and Halifax is only two hours away. Travelling east to Cape Breton, explore some of the most glorious drives and hiking trails in North America. Hunt for fossils and enjoy lobster on the beach in Arisaig – and take the whole family to Keppoch Mountain, fifteen minutes from Antigonish, for a great mountain biking experience.

Interested candidates may submit a copy of their CV to:

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