

Full Time Valley Homeless Healthcare Program Primary Care Physician for a Large Public Health and Hospital System in Silicon Valley

Better Health for All

Santa Clara Valley Health & Hospital System (SCVHHS), a large public teaching healthcare system, affiliated with Stanford University School of Medicine, is seeking full-time BC/BE Family Medicine or Internal Medicine physician at the Valley Homeless Healthcare Program (VHHP).

We offer the unparalleled opportunity to gain the long-term personal and professional satisfaction of serving our patients and our diverse community, while teaching the next generation of health care providers, in one of the best places to live in the United States.

About the organization

Santa Clara Valley Health and Hospital System (SCVHHS) is the second-largest County-owned health and hospital system in California and is committed to improving the health of the 1.9 million people of Santa Clara County. SCVHHS is comprised of three hospitals: Santa Clara Valley Medical Center (SCVMC - a 731-bed central hospital), O'Connor Hospital (OCH - 358 licensed beds), and Saint Louise Regional Hospital (SLRH – 93 licensed beds); in addition SCVHHS includes a large primary care network comprised of eleven health centers throughout the County, several urgent care clinics, a broad-range of specialty services in our Valley Specialty Center, comprehensive dental services, a large behavioral health department, public health, EMS, and Valley Health Plan.

SCVMC itself hosts five residency training programs and partners with Stanford University Medical Center for the training of residents and fellows in many Stanford-based specialties. SCVMC also features a Level 1 Trauma Center, Level 2 Pediatric Trauma Center, ABA verified Burn Center, Primary Stroke Center, and a nationally recognized CARF-accredited Rehabilitation Center. Owing to its geographic location and specialty offerings, SCVMC not only serves the County, but also the larger region.

Providers in our health system also have the opportunity to use our integrated electronic health record (Epic), which brings together system-wide patient information. Recently, the Health Information Management Systems Society (HIMSS) recognized SCVMC for achieving its highest level of success (Stage 7), based on our continuous innovation and optimization of our inpatient and outpatient EHR.

About the community

SCVHHS is located in San Jose, California in the heart of Silicon Valley, offering a diverse choice of cultural, recreational, and lifestyle opportunities. Our physicians live in a range of communities, including urban (e.g., San Francisco), university (e.g., Palo Alto), high tech (e.g., many cities of Silicon Valley), mountain (e.g., Los Gatos), beach (e.g. Santa Cruz), and rural/agricultural (e.g., Morgan Hill and Gilroy). Situated in one of the most desirable regions of the country – only 45 minutes from the Monterey Bay and three hours from the Sierra Nevada – our physicians enjoy a very high quality of life.

About the Valley Homeless Healthcare Program (VHHP)

VHHP provides preventative, acute and chronic medical care for approximately 7,000 homeless and recently homeless patients annually.

VHHP consists of a network of Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), mobile medical units and street medicine and outreach programs that serve the homeless community of San Jose. VHHP is part of the Santa Clara Valley Health and Hospital System (HHS), and in existence since 2003 with a staff of approximately 100 people. Provider staff includes 10 internists, 5 family medicine physicians, 1 pediatrician, 1 family nurse practitioner, 4 psychiatrists, 3 pharmacists, and 4 psychologists and therapists. The staff also includes social workers, nurses, and outreach workers. Integral to its function, the program has several key partners including a case management team, psychology internship program, a methadone clinic, and a shelter organization.

About the Position

The VHHP physician will be one of 17 providers delivering primary care to patients experiencing homelessness. As part of the larger Valley Homeless Healthcare Program, the physician's responsibilities may include involvement in some of these projects:

- **Primary Care** – Will provide primary care to patients across a variety of clinical sites, including fixed clinic sites, mobile medical unit sites, a medical respite program, and a street medicine program. Our clinics are diverse and tailored to specific vulnerable subpopulations, including a teen drop-in center, migrant farmworker outreach site, transgender/non-binary clinic, Re-Entry Clinic for people just released from custody and people who are pregnant.
- **Teaching** – Physicians will be expected to teach Internal Medicine residents, Family Medicine residents and Addiction Medicine fellows in various outpatient settings. Other teaching opportunities include noon conference didactics for internal medicine residents and didactics for SCVMC Social Medicine residents.

VHHP care is based on a set of core values. We are looking for candidates with similar values. These values are as follows:

- **Team Care** – Caring for complicated patients requires a team. All patients receive care from the entire team including our case managers, nurses, psychologists, and outreach workers. The ability to work within and through this team will be critical for success.
- **Flexibility** – Many of our sites are in non-traditional settings including shelter-based clinics and mobile medical units. Adapting practice styles to these non-traditional settings will be important.
- **Patient advocacy** – The care provider is an advocate for the patient. Many of these patients have 'failed' other mainstream care settings. Advocating and developing creative solutions for their care will be an important aspect of the job.

About compensation and benefits

We offer competitive compensation, generous comprehensive benefit package (including 54 days of leave per year), paid malpractice (with tail coverage), vibrant professional environment, opportunity for career growth, and the opportunity to serve a multicultural patient population.

If you are interested in joining a practice with unparalleled personal and professional advantages, then please submit your letter of interest and CV to Roya Roustas at MD.Recruitment@hhs.sccgov.org.

The San Francisco Bay Area is well known for its rich diversity of cultures. Santa Clara Valley Health and Hospital System seeks candidates whose experiences have prepared them to contribute to our commitment to diversity and excellence. The County of Santa Clara is an Equal Opportunity Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religious belief, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or preference, pregnancy, marital status, disability, medical condition, political belief, veterans status, organizational affiliation or association with any individual in any of these groups. Santa Clara Valley Health and Hospital System is committed to inclusion for all of its patients, employees, and community.

<https://www.scvmc.org/careers/physician-recruitment-services>