

Part Time Respite Medical Director/Primary Care Physician at Valley Homeless Healthcare Program in Silicon Valley

Better Health for All

County of Santa Clara Health System (CSCHS), a large public teaching healthcare system, affiliated with Stanford University School of Medicine, is seeking part-time (0.8 FTE) BC/BE Family Medicine or Internal Medicine physician, to serve as the Respite Medical Director/Primary Care Physician within our 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

County of Santa Clara Health System (CSCHS) 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. Santa Clara Valley Healthcare (SCVH), an agency of CSCHS, 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 CSCHS 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 four residency and one fellowship 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. 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

Santa Clara Valley Healthcare 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) and Medical Respite Program (MRP)

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.

The medical respite program provides transitional housing with interdisciplinary care support during business hours for individuals experiencing homelessness who are recovering from an acute illness and injury. Respite is one of the clinical sites within the Valley Homeless Healthcare Program, a program that provides services to the most vulnerable individuals in Santa Clara County with robust interdisciplinary services. Our program staff have high morale and provide services in a culture that values teamwork, advocacy, humility and patient centeredness.

About the Position

In addition to Board certification or eligibility in Primary Care (Family Medicine/Internal Medicine), the successful candidate must have experience in leading teams and/or interdisciplinary care models.

Scope of the Respite Medical Director

- Provide leadership and strategic planning for Medical Respite in collaboration with respite lead nurse, including:
 - Foster ongoing interdisciplinary approach to patient care
 - Develop systems to insure consistent and comprehensive care delivery, daily problem solving, and ensure productivity at medical respite
 - Lead quality improvement projects for the medical respite program
 - Coordinate development of medical respite policies and procedures with respite lead nurse
 - continually evaluate referral process and criteria
- Provide direct patient care to medical respite residents two days per week and at other designated VHHP clinical sites one additional half day per week. Provide on-call care for urgent clinical needs that arise at Medical Respite (during working hours only).
- Assist referral nurse in evaluating referrals for medical appropriateness or eligibility for the respite program as needed.
- Participate in weekly respite case conference with the rest of the medical respite team to develop integrated care plans for all respite clients.
- Co-lead monthly respite staff meetings with respite lead nurse.
- Review program data and report as needed to various stakeholders; evaluate data needs and work with collaborators to update data collection and reports as needed.
- Teaching rotating internal medicine residents about medical respite and care for psychosocially complex populations.
- Engage with national and local community of medical respite providers.

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 Rosta at MD.Recruitment@hhs.sccgov.org.

The San Francisco Bay Area is well known for its rich diversity of cultures. Santa Clara County Health System (CSCHS) 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. CSCHS is committed to inclusion for all of its patients, employees, and community.

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