

PETERBOROUGH REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE

Pathology Elective Opportunity: Residents and Medical Students

Elective length: 2 – 4 weeks

Life in smaller communities offers a unique and enriching perspective on healthcare. As part of this elective, you will have the opportunity to experience diverse working environments, balancing community-based care with inpatient care and consult services at Peterborough Regional Health Centre (PRHC) – a regional centre with an excellent complement of specialists, including Neurology, Cardiology, Infectious Disease, and Vascular Surgery, in addition to a Cardiac Catheterization Lab and Vascular Lab. PRHC is located in the growing city of Peterborough, just a 90-minute drive from Toronto.

This is the perfect time to explore the opportunity to complete an elective at PRHC.

Our Pathology division is a group of eleven pathologists who support our laboratory team in assisting with patient diagnoses at Peterborough Regional Health Centre, as well as Northumberland Hills Hospital, Campbellford Memorial Hospital, and Ross Memorial Hospital. PRHC's laboratory collects and provides results on approximately 2.3 million tests annually to support our inpatients, emergency department and hospital clinics in the following areas: biochemistry, cytology, ECG, hematology, microbiology, specimen collection, pathology, and transfusion medicine. With our investments in people and leading edge, specialized services, it's the perfect time to complete an elective at PRHC.

You will work with a dedicated preceptor during your shifts and learning objectives can be tailored to your rotation goals and level of training.

Learning Objectives

- Develop independent diagnostic competency in general surgical pathology by grossing, interpreting, and signing out (under supervision) a broad range of community-based surgical pathology specimens, including performing frozen sections and correlating histologic findings with clinical and imaging data.

- Strengthen cytopathology and rapid on-site evaluation skills by performing adequacy assessments and providing preliminary interpretations of fine needle aspirations and body fluid cytology specimens while communicating effectively with proceduralists and correlating findings with radiologic and clinical information.
- Integrate clinical pathology principles into patient care by participating in transfusion medicine, hematology, and clinical chemistry consultation, contributing to laboratory quality assurance activities, and developing competency in appropriate test utilization and stewardship.

Rural Ontario Medical Program (ROMP)

Registration by application with ROMP is required for elective rotations at PRHC. For further details please go to: www.romponline.com.

Accommodation Options During Elective

You may receive accommodation assistance from ROMP and/or your Program Director. If you are coordinating your own accommodations, there are many options available in Peterborough including:

MedsHousing Portal

Available through [MedsHousing Peterborough](#)

Queen's Student House

1310 Dobbin Street Peterborough
(5-minute walk to the hospital)
Contact Val Dorion at regional@queensu.ca to arrange

Queen's Student Apartment

630 Parkhill Road West (15-minute walk to the hospital)
Contact Val Dorion at regional@queensu.ca to arrange

Fleming College Residences (May – August)

599 Brealey Drive
Contact Matt Markovic at matt.markovic@flemingcollege.ca

Discounted Hotel Rates for Staff

Some hotels in the region may offer a preferred rate. A list of hotels that offer a patient and family rate can be found [here](#).

Train Better

At Peterborough Regional Health Centre (PRHC), you'll train in a vibrant regional hospital providing acute care to a growing population of over 300,000 in Peterborough and neighbouring communities, including the First Nations of Curve Lake, Alderville, and Hiawatha. PRHC is a hub for comprehensive pediatric, emergency, surgical, and maternal-newborn care, offering exposure to a wide range of clinical experiences.

PRHC's culture is rooted in collaboration, innovation, and professional growth. You'll work alongside more than 3,100 staff, 450 credentialed physicians, and 300 dedicated volunteers, all committed to teaching, quality care, and a supportive environment where learning thrives. As part of the PRHC team, you'll benefit from hands-on clinical mentoring, opportunities to develop leadership and communication skills, and a culture that celebrates achievement and fosters career development.



Live Better

In Peterborough, you'll be as close to the great outdoors as you are to work, schools and other amenities. Cottage country is as close as 20 minutes away. An hour south of Kawartha Highlands Provincial Park and a couple of hours from Algonquin Provincial Park. Here, we boast all the conveniences and comforts that an exceptional quality of life demands. Here, you can have it all.

Peterborough is a unique community unto itself, an established entity with a rich heritage, a thriving culture, and a bright future. Home to Trent University and Fleming College as well as a burgeoning business sector, the opportunities here abound.



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MEDICAL RESIDENT

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