

# Community Pediatrics Elective at Niagara Health System:

## Description:

- 4 weeks in duration
- Based at the new St. Catharines Hospital site of the Niagara Health System – opened March 2013
- About 3000 deliveries per year expected
- 40,000 – 45,000 ER and urgent care centre visits per year, out of which about 15% are children <18 years of age (2011/2012 data -- now likely to be greater)
- About 25 – 30% of pediatric ER visits are referred to Pediatricians for consultation – about 15% of all pediatric ER visits result in admission to hospital (2011/2012 data -- now likely to be greater in number)
- 24 bed pediatric ward, but only 16 beds routinely staffed (including 4 mental health beds)
- 18 bed special care nursery, but only 12 beds routinely staffed (all are individual rooms including 2 isolation rooms)
- C/sections and high risk obstetrical deliveries in OR adjacent to level II special care nursery – we attend all C/sections and high risk deliveries.
- Nasal CPAP for newborns available
- Short term neonatal ventilation available while awaiting transport to tertiary care centre
- Deliveries down to 32 weeks gestation done on site whenever possible
- Clinical workload expectations:
  - 0700 – 1300 hrs : Pediatric Ward rounds  
Level II Special Care Nursery rounds  
Rounds on normal newborns on maternity ward  
On site ER and Urgent Care Centre consultations
  - 1300 – 1700 hrs: Choice of continuing with in-hospital work as above  
**OR** In office patient care at local pediatricians' offices (mostly primary care and some consults)
- On –Call expectations per 4 week block (Total 6 calls):
  - One weekday per week (ie: 4 per month) from 0700 – 0700 hrs
  - Two weekend days per month 0700 – 0700 hrs

## Accommodation, Meals, Parking and Transportation:

- To be arranged on your own

- On-call Resident sleep room available in hospital (5 rooms in hospital for all residents - across from resident/student lounge on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor)

Hospital accreditation contact information:

- For any Electives in hospital or community it is the same process. The resident is asked to go through Mac-CARE. It is then forwarded to Ms. Sara Poole who then helps place them or set up any pre-arranged rotations with the hospital staff.
- Residents are asked to register due to the funding which McMaster pays out and to make sure that they are not overlapping any other learners.
- <http://maccare.mcmaster.ca/rotation-request-form.html>

- **Contact person:**

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Participating Pediatricians for afternoon office practice rotations:

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| • Dr. Michael Burger (St. Catharines)   | (905) 682-9234 |
| • Dr. Chander Bhagirath (Niagara Falls) | (905) 357-2423 |
| • Dr. Nicholas Dorah (St. Catharines)   | (905) 704-1281 |
| • Dr. Alarape Ogunkeye (St. Catharines) | (905) 346-1050 |
| • Dr. Omer Shaikh (Niagara Falls)       | (905) 356-5437 |
| • Dr. Youness Al-Darazi (Welland)       | (905) 788-1915 |

Please contact them directly (or through Ms. Sara Poole) to arrange afternoon rotations of 1 – 4 weeks duration (except days on call), either in one office or distributed amongst them all

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